

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-523****Manufacturer Name :** Volvo Trucks North America**Submission Date :** AUG 13,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-523**Manufacturer Recall No. :** RVXX1503**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Volvo Trucks North America

Address : 7900 National Service Road

Greensboro NC 27409

Company phone : 800 528 6586

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 844

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2012-2016 VOLVO VAH

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : 2012 -2016 Model VAH's with a sealed drag link

Production Dates : JUL 11, 2011 - JUN 25, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The sealed draglink ball socket boot may be damaged due to the angle of the ball stud.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the boot is compromised, contaminants may enter the ball socket and cause corrosion that can accelerate the wear of the ball. If this is left untreated, the ball joint can separate from the socket and result in complete loss of steering.

Volvo has received no reports of crashes or personal injury as a result of this condition. Therefore, Volvo considers this as a proactive measure to protect the public and Volvo's customers from the potential risk associated with this defect.

Description of the Cause : Boot deformation may cause boot damage.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Looseness or play in the ball socket can be felt when checked according to required inspections.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

March 12, 2015 Potential safety issue identified and reported to Regulatory Affairs Group. Investigation opened

March 25, 2015 Regulatory Affairs informs NHTSA of the investigation

July 15, 2015 Regulatory Affairs shares results of investigation with NHTSA

August 5, 2015 Volvo determines that a safety-related defect exists and decides to issue a voluntary safety recall

August 13, 2015 Volvo submits defect report to NHTSA

Volvo has received no reports of crashes

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Volvo will replace the drag link on the affected trucks. . Pre-notification remedy claims will be addressed according to policies that are on file with NHTSA.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The drag link geometry is changed to improve the angle of the ball stud to relax the boot.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : On June 22, 2015, the drag link was changed in production to a greasable drag link.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : A safety recall alert will be released to dealers on August 19 and owner notification letters will be mailed by October 13

Planned Dealer Notification Date : AUG 19, 2015 - AUG 19, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 13, 2015 - OCT 13, 2015

* NR - Not Reported