



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
16V-131

Subject: Seat Frame Support Attachment Cracking

Dear Mr. Lafon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Prevost Cars, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

PREVOST/X3-45/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: March 2, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-131

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 237

Problem Description:

Prevost Cars, Inc. (Prevost) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 X3-45 vehicles manufactured from October 1, 2014, through February 12, 2016, equipped with American Seating sliding passenger seats. The sliding seats on the affected vehicles may experience cracks between the seat frame and the support pedestal.

Consequence:

A crack in the seat attachment could compromise the structural integrity of the seat, increasing the risk of passenger injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Prevost will notify owners, and dealers will replace the sliding seats, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on, or about, April 20, 2016. Owners may contact Prevost customer service at 1-418-883-3391. Prevost's number for this recall is SR16-305.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement