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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
12V-600

Subject: I-Beam Suspension/Radius Rod support

Dear Mr. Bertrand:

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/X3-45/2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: December 20, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-600

Components:
SUSPENSION:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 196

Problem Description:

Prevost is recalling certain model year 2011 and 2012 X3-45 Prevost coaches manufactured from March 25, 2011, through March 20, 2012. The left side radius rod support for the front I-beam suspension system may have been made from the wrong materials and thus, may suddenly break.

Consequence:

If the rod breaks while the vehicle is in use, stability and vehicle control may be lost, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Prevost will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the vehicles and replace any affected radius rod supports, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided the agency with a remedy schedule. Owners may contact Prevost at 1-418-883-2888.

Notes:

Prevost's recall campaign number is SR13-01. 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 provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. 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.

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).

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