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**Subject: New Safety Recall
RVXX0902, Wiper Motor**

Attention:

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Submitted via Email to Kelly Schuler

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

573.6(c)(1)

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573.6(c)(2)

Certain Volvo model vehicles manufactured with a Valeo brand wiper motor from July 1, 2000 through May 11, 2007.

The selection of vehicles was based on the suspect component's part number.

Models Affected: VHD, VNL, VNM, and VT
Model Year: 2001 through 2008

Component Manufacturer:

Valeo Wiper Motor Systems
Poststraessle 10
D-74321 Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) vehicles affected by the recall of which there are one hundred twenty seven thousand seven hundred sixty-four (127,764) that were sold in the United States.



573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the 150,000 vehicles expected to contain the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5)

The sealant covering the integrated connector may crack, which can allow water and contaminants to seep into the wiper motor. If this happens, a short circuit may occur, which over time could possibly lead to a vehicle fire.

573.6 (c)(6)

Chronology of principle events that were the basis for the determination:

12/18/08	Investigation opened as a result of customer reports
2/10/09	Initial review of field samples suggests cracks in sealer may allow water ingress
3/5/09	Additional field samples collected and sent to Valeo for further review
4/2/09	Valeo presents their findings and possible solutions
4/27/09	Investigation complete and facts presented to Volvo's Product Safety Committee for consideration
5/11/09	Volvo determines that a safety related defect exists
5/18/09	NHTSA notified that Volvo will initiate a voluntary safety recall

There are a total of 21 reports that may be related to the defect (4 warranty claims, 8 dealer inquiries, 6 fleet field reports, 2 product field reports, 1 customer complaint)

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

Volvo will initiate a voluntary safety recall, and recall all 150,000 vehicles.

The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Volvo, is **RVXX0902**.

Reimbursement for cost incurred by the owner for "prenotification remedies" will be addressed on a case-by-case basis according to the "General Plan for Reimbursement of Pre-notification Remedies" which was published December 8th, 2004.



A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before May 21, 2009, which informs the dealers of the recall.

Volvo is reviewing possible repair solutions and will be making a decision within the next few weeks. Since this recall involves a large number of vehicles, it will take time to acquire the quantities needed to address all of the affected vehicles. We are exploring every possibility to reduce the lead-time, and will be starting the recall as quickly as possible.

Volvo will notify owners of precautions that can be taken until parts become available. This notice is tentatively scheduled for release on or before June 15, 2009. An advance copy of the owner letter will be submitted to NHTSA for review and approval prior to release to the owners.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim LaFon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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