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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03V-204 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: May 29, 2003

FAXED DATE: May 30, 2003

MANUFACTURER: Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.

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Recall Administrator

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SUBJECT: 1,275 Volvo VNL, VNM, and VHD heavy duty trucks. The bracket pin connects the fifth wheel top plate to its mounting surface. A fatigue crack can develop in the weld under certain loading conditions. If left undetected or corrected it could lead to the separation of the fifth wheel top plate from its mounting surface without warning, possibly resulting in a crash.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written **ONLY** if we have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide us with the model years and dates of manufacture for these vehicles.

It is our understanding that Jost (03E-029) will conduct the recall.

If you have any questions, please call:


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