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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-002.002 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: February 21, 2000

MANUFACTURER: Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Charles D. Powell, Recall Administrator

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SUBJECT: 13,516 Volvo ACL, VN, WAH, WCA, WIA, WG, and WX heavy duty class 8 trucks manufactured from June 4, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and equipped with Haldex manifold dash valves (MDV). These valves do not meet the requirements of FMVSS No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." A loss of the isolation of the two brake system circuits can result in the loss of service brakes when there is another failure of one of the two brake circuits. (*Volvo Truck Recall No. RVXX0002*).

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during late March/early April 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232
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Dear Mr. Powell:

We have reviewed Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.'s (Volvo Trucks) Noncompliance Information Report dated February 21, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 13,516 Volvo Trucks 1997-1998 ACL, VN; WAH, WCA, WIA, WG, and WX heavy duty class 8 trucks manufactured from June 4, 1997 through February 28, 1998, and equipped with Haldex manifold dash valves (MDV). These valves do not meet the requirements of FMVSS No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." A loss of the isolation of the two brake system circuits can result in the loss of service brakes when there is another failure of one of the two brake circuits. The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 00V-002.002 (Volvo Trucks Recall No. RVXX0002).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Volvo Trucks is responsible for the remedy of these buses from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership. You should know that the agency provides a listing of safety recalls to the media at the end of each month. This recall may be a part of that listing.

Quarterly Status Reports

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Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Volvo Trucks to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation