



Volvo Trucks North America

January 5, 2011

**Subject: New Safety Recall
RVXX1003, Drag Link
NHTSA Recall Number, 10V-282
Revised 573 Report¹**

Attention:

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

Submitted via Email to Delia Lopez

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)

Volvo model vehicles manufactured with certain TRW sealed (i.e. non-greasable) drag links. The selection of vehicles was based on the component part number.

Models Affected: VNL and VNM

Model Year: 2001 through 2006

Component Manufacturer:

TRW Automotive U.S. LLC
800 Heath Street
P O Box 60
Lafayette, IN 47904

¹ Revisions made on pg 3, are identified with bold text for additions and strikethrough for deletions.



573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately sixty three thousand seven hundred eighty-eight (63,788) vehicles sold in the United States that are affected by the recall.

573.6(c)(4)

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

573.6(c)(5)

Certain factors can exist, which if left untreated may result in a ball socket separation. Ball socket separation at the drag link results in complete loss of steering and therefore can result in a vehicle crash.

573.6 (c)(6)

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

- 1/15/09 NHTSA opens Engineering Analysis 09-003
- 5/27/09 Technical Review held at TRW facility in Livonia, Michigan
- 9/30/09 NHTSA sends information request to Volvo
- 11/6/09 Volvo submits information to NHTSA as requested
- 12/17/09 Meeting at NHTSA office to review documents submitted on 11/6
- 1/19/10 Owner Notice showing proper inspection submitted to NHTSA for review
- 2/22/10 Volvo releases inspection letter as discussed with NHTSA
- 5/26/10 Volvo/ NHTSA mtg to discuss investigation
- 6/23/10 Volvo submits recall information report to NHTSA.

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

Volvo will initiate a voluntary safety recall, and recall all 63,788 vehicles.

The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Volvo, is **RVXX1003**.



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 June 28, 2010, which informs the dealers of the recall. Owner letters are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on or before August 15, 2010.

Vehicles in build years 2000-2005 (63,788 vehicles) will be inspected for the TRW sealed drag link. If this drag link is found, the vehicle will be repaired by replacement of the ball socket or the drag link as required.

For vehicles manufactured with the TRW sealed drag link prior to 2000, owners will be notified of the condition and risk.

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~~Owner letters are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on or before August 15, 2010. An advance copy of the owner letter is attached for your review.~~

An interim letter (enclosed) was mailed and was reviewed and approved by NHTSA prior to the release.

The recall repair instruction was released on December 21, 2010 to all Volvo Service Centers. Owner letter packages are being prepared and will be mailed before the end of January 2011. The owner letter is enclosed.

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 L. LaFon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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