

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

Assigned Recall No. 03V-381 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: October 7, 2003

Date Faxed: October 9, 2003

MANUFACTURER: Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.

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SUBJECT: 176 Volvo 2001-2003 VNM heavy-duty class vehicles manufactured from January 8, 2001 through May 23, 2003. Salt and other highway snow and ice removal chemicals are getting under the protective caps of the chassis mounted emergency start studs and corroding them. This condition deteriorates the studs and the connections. Over time the studs may loosen sufficiently to cause an electrical short. *Volvo Trucks Recall No. RVXX0307.*

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 a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.

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 November 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:



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