



Volvo Cars of North America, LLC

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DEFECT INFORMATION

Re: DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Volvo Cars of North America, LLC (Volvo) submits the following information concerning a safety recall program that it is voluntarily initiating.

- 1. **Vehicle Manufacturer:** Volvo Car Corporation, Gothenburg, Sweden
- Designated Agent:** Volvo Cars of North America, Rockleigh, N.J. 07647

- 2. **Identification of Vehicles Involved**
The vehicles involved in this recall are the MY2002 Volvo V70 and V70XC. The assembly plants, chassis numbers and inclusive dates of manufacture are:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Chassis # Start</u>	<u>Production Date Start</u>	<u>Chassis # End</u>	<u>Production Date End</u>	<u>Assembly Plant</u>
V70 MY2002	246772	May 13, 2002	262414	June 28, 2002	Volvo, Torshanda
V70 MY2002	244720	May 13, 2002	259591	June 28, 2002	Volvo, Gent
V70XC MY2002	78663	May 13, 2002	81911	June 28, 2002	Volvo, Torshanda

The recalled model population represents 100% of the total population assembled between May 13, 2002 and June 28, 2002 for the US.

- 3. **Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected.**
The number of vehicles potentially affected by this recall in the U.S. = 3242.
- 4. **Estimated percentage of Vehicles with the Defect.**
The actual number of recalled vehicles with the defect is unknown. This recall remedy will be implemented on 100% of the recalled vehicles. The production start date for this recall (May 13, 2002) was defined by the date that the out of specification relays were used in production. Every vehicle as of the production end-date for this recall (June 28, 2002) has relays that meet the Volvo specification.

5. Description of the Defect.

In certain of the MY2002 Volvo V70 and V70XC's affected by this recall the relay controlling the rear left and right brake light may not meet the Volvo standard specification for durability.

The customer may be warned that this has occurred by the following symptoms:

- The brake light may not light up when the brake pedal is depressed. The driver will get a warning message in the display.
- The brake light may be on constantly. When the car is parked this will drain the battery indicating the fault and this will give a warning to the driver.

In both cases the high positioned brake light and all other tail lights will work as intended.

The supplier contact information for the brake relay:

Tyco Electronics Comp SA
 Apartado 55
 Evor, Sweden 7002-552PT
 Gerhard Henning, Quality Manager
 Phone: 351-266-740286
 gerhard.henning@tycoelectronics.com

All V70 and V70XC's built during the time period provided in number 2 above "Identification of Vehicles Involved" will be recalled and remedied.

6. Chronology of Events.

March 2003	Deviation considered as customer critical
October 2003	Volvo Decision for Service Campaign
January 2004	Volvo Agreement to Recall
January 2004	Notification to NHTSA

There have been no reports of accidents, injuries, or fatalities in the US related to the recalled item.

7. Program for Remedy of Defect.

All involved vehicles will be subject to the recall. Vehicle owners will receive a letter via first class mail. The letter will request that the owner of the vehicle take their vehicle to a Volvo retailer for remedy. The remedy is for two new relays to be installed. This will be performed at no charge.

A schedule for notification to the dealers/retailers and customers will be provided to NHTSA at a future date. We are striving to implement this action as soon as possible.

8. Copies of Notices, Bulletins, etc.

Formal retailer notices, bulletins and other communications have not been completed. Copies of all such information will be forwarded to NHTSA as soon as they are available.

Volvo is not offering reimbursement to owners for any expenses prior to recall because these vehicles are still covered under the new car warranty program.

9. Proposed Owner Notification Letter.

Volvo's Owner notification letter is not yet drafted. A copy of such letter will be submitted to NHTSA for approval no fewer than five (5) Federal Government Business Days before Volvo intends to begin mailing it to owners.

10. The Manufacturer's Campaign Number.

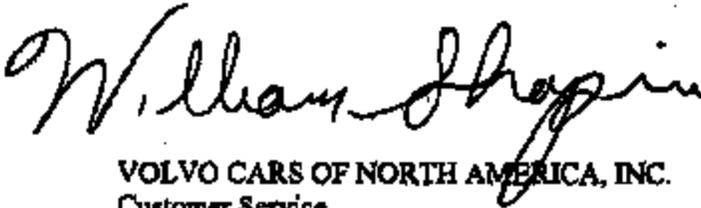
Volvo has assigned Volvo Campaign Number R131 to this Safety Recall Campaign.

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If you have any questions regarding this report please contact:

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Sincerely yours,



Handwritten signature of William Shapiro in cursive script.

VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA, INC.
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