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Volvo Trucks North America

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**Subject: New Safety Recall
RVXX0705, SAF Holland Simplex Fifth Wheel**

Attention:

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

Submitted via Email to Patricia Wallace.

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)

Certain Volvo model vehicles manufactured with a SAF Holland Simplex Fifth Wheel from January 9, 2006 through June 29, 2007.

The selection of vehicles was based on material delivery dates supplied by SAF-HOLLAND.

Models Affected: VHD, VNL, VNM, and VT
Model Year: 2007, 2008

Component Manufacturer: SAF-HOLLAND USA, Inc.
467 Ottawa Avenue
Holland, Michigan 49423

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately six thousand five hundred ninety-nine (6,599) vehicles affected by the recall of which there are six thousand five hundred nineteen (6,519) that were sold in the United States.



573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the 6,599 vehicles expected to contain the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5)

The lever arm pivot bolt may have been over-tightened. An over-tightened pivot bolt can distort the pivot bolt spacer sleeve, which may prevent the fifth wheel latch jaw from closing and latching securely around the trailer king pin.

573.6 (c)(6)

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

8/29/07 NHTSA notifies Volvo's Regulatory Affairs Department of a consumer complaint on SAF-Holland Simplex Fifth Wheel service program.

8/29/07 Volvo opens a safety defect investigation.

10/17/07 Volvo decides that the condition described in this notification constitutes a defect and that such defect is safety related

10/18/07 NHTSA notified that Volvo will initiate a voluntary safety recall

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

Volvo will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all 6,599 vehicles.

The recall repair will consist of replacing the pivot bolt and sleeve with a hex head shoulder bolt and washer.

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.

The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Volvo, is **RVXX0705**.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before October 23, 2007, which informs the dealers of the recall. Owner letters are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on or before November 19, 2007.

An advance copy of the owner letter will be submitted to NHTSA for review and approval prior to release to the owners.



If there are any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. LaFon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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