



VOLVO TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA

October 17, 2012

Subject: New Safety Recall (RVXX1204, Passenger Side Bench Seat D-Ring)**Attention:**

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

Submitted via Email

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)

Volvo Trucks North America ("Volvo")
7900 National Service Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27409

573.6(c)(2)

Volvo VHD & VN model vehicles manufactured from August 4, 2000 through June 22, 2012 with a passenger side two-man bench seat.

The selection of vehicles was based on the sales code for the bench style passenger seat.

Affected Models and Model Years:

2002 through 2013 VHD & VN Models

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately one thousand four hundred ninety-six (1,496) vehicles affected by the recall that were sold in the United States.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the vehicles containing the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5)

The weld used to secure the weld nut to the inner seat belt d-ring mounting bracket may not be sufficient to meet the seat belt pull test requirement as prescribed by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 571.210, Seat Belt Anchorage. As a result, the seat belt d-ring anchorage may not be sufficient to restrain the occupant (i.e. if occupied) in the event of a vehicle crash.

573.6 (c)(6)

Not Applicable

573.6(c)(7)

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

- 6/8/12 Manufacturing reports d-ring weld nut failure. Investigation opened
- 6/26/12 Corrective action taken by supplier
- 9/21/12 Investigation completed, information submitted to Regulatory Affairs department for consideration
- 10/1/12 Information/ facts supplied to Volvo Product Safety Committee for recommendation
- 10/11/12 Volvo determines that a safety related defect exists in certain vehicles
- 10/17/12 Volvo notifies NHTSA of the defect and that a voluntary safety recall will be performed to address the issue

Regulation 49 CFR 571.210, Seat Belt Anchorage applies. There have been no reported injuries.

573.6(c)(8)

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

The recall repair will involve replacing the suspect d-ring.

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 October 3, 2011.

The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Volvo, is **RVXX1204**.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before October 18, 2012, which will inform the dealers of the recall. Owner letters are scheduled to be mailed on or before December 17, 2012.

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,

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