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Subject: Recall Campaign SR13-61  
Cold Tire Pressure Certification Plate

Dear Jennifer,

On behalf of Prevost, I want to inform you that on September 19, 2013, a safety-related defect was determined to exist on certain Prevost vehicles. The issue is with the certification plate, which includes incorrect tire inflation pressure for the tires installed. There have been no reports of vehicle crashes associated with this defect; therefore, Prevost views this as a preventive measure.

Prevost will administer a voluntary safety recall to replace the certification plate on the affected vehicles. Owner notification letters will be sent no later than 60 days from the time of this notice.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,



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**Defect Report**

Recall Campaign Number                      Prevost SR13-61  
Subject:    Cold Tire Pressure Certification Plate

**Manufacturer:**

Prevost a division of Volvo Group Canada, Inc. (“Prevost”)

**Models/ Model Years:**

Certain vehicles manufactured from November 18, 2004 through September 4, 2013 with super single tires.

Selection of vehicles was based on tires. Affected vehicles were manufactured with certain super single tires

Affected models and model years include:

Model	Model Year(s)
X3-45 Coach	2013
H3-45 Coach	2012 - 2014
H3-45 VIP 2008	2008
XL2 Coach 2005	2005
XL2-45 Entertainer	2006 – 2011

**Recall Population:**

The total number of vehicles affected by the recall that were sold to customers in the United States is thirty-five (35). The percentage of the population containing the defect is one hundred percent.

**Description of the Defect**

The cold inflation pressure shown on the certification plate is incorrect for the super single tires installed on the rear axle. The cold inflation pressure stated on the plate is 125 psi (862 kPa), but should say 120 psi (827 kPa).

According to literature published by the tire manufacturer, “Overinflation will reduce the tire’s contact area with the road, which reduces traction, braking ability, and handling. A tire that’s overinflated for the weight it’s carrying is more prone to a harsh ride, uneven tire wear, and impact damage.”

**Chronology:**

- 9/4/13            Michelin reports issue to Prevost
- 9/5/13            Prevost reports concern to Regulatory Affairs group. Investigation opened.
- 9/5/13            Delivery stop issued for vehicles built with super single tires to check the certification plate.
- 9/19/13          Product Safety Committee determines that a safety-related defect exists.
- 9/25/13          Prevost notifies NHTSA of the defect and that a voluntary safety recall will be performed to address the issue

*There is one field report that was received on September 4, 2013. To date, no accidents, injuries nor fatalities have been reported.*

**Description of the Remedy**

The recall repair will involve replacement of the certification plate.

Reimbursement for cost incurred by the owner for “prenotification remedies” will be addressed on a case-by-case basis according to the Volvo Trucks “General Plan for Reimbursement of Pre-notification Remedies” which was published October 3, 2011.

**Recall Communications**

Owner notification will occur within 60 days of this notice. An advanced copy of the owner notification letter will be submitted for review and approval prior to release.