



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Timothy LaFon
Volvo Bus Corporation
Director, Regulatory Affairs
7900 National Service Road
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NVS-215MR
15V-604

Subject: Exhaust Clamp Failure at Turbocharger

Dear Mr. LaFon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Volvo Bus Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

VOLVO BUS/9700/2009-2013

Mfr's Report Date: September 28, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-604

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE:OTHER FUEL TYPES:TURBO-CHARGER
ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 205

Problem Description:

Volvo Bus Corporation (Volvo) is recalling certain model year 2009-2013 Volvo 9700 buses manufactured August 28, 2008, to December 21, 2012. In the affected vehicles, the exhaust clamp at the turbocharger may fail, allowing hot exhaust gas to contact materials in the engine compartment.

Consequence:

If hot exhaust gas contacts other components or materials, it can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Volvo will notify owners, and dealers will replace the exhaust clamp, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 25, 2015. Owners may contact Volvo Bus at 1-866-870-2046. Volvo's number for this recall is SR15-85.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Volvo Bus' proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement