

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

September 23, 2022

Ms. Pascale Belanger Prevost Car (US) Inc. 260 Banker road Plattsburgh, NY 12901 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107MR 22V-698

Subject: Incorrect Seat Belt Installed/FMVSS 208

Dear Ms. Belanger:

This letter serves to acknowledge Prevost Car (US) Inc.'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:

PREVOST/X3-45 COMMUTER/2021-2023

Mfr's Report Date: September 19, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-698

**Components:** SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 255

## **Problem Description:**

Prevost Car (US) Inc. (Prevost) is recalling certain 2021-2023 Prevost X3-45 Commuter motorcoaches. The driver's seat is equipped with a Type 1 seat belt instead of the correct Type 2 seat belt. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 208, "Occupant Crash Protection."

### **Consequence:**

An incorrect seat belt may not adequately protect the driver during a crash, increasing the risk of an injury.

## Remedy:

Dealers will replace the driver's seat and seat belt, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on November 4, 2022. Owners may contact Prevost's customer service at 1-866-870-2046.

#### **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.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Prevost Car (US) Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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