



Volvo Car USA LLC

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Recall R10259: Seatbelt Buckle

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Dear Volvo Retailer Partner

Volvo Cars USA LLC and Volvo Cars Canada LTD on behalf of the Volvo Car Corporation has decided to launch Recall R10259: Seatbelt Buckle on certain model year 2015-2024 XC90 vehicles.

Volvo Car Investigations have determined that the second-row seatbelt buckles, and lower anchorages may have not been torqued to the correct specification.

If the screw joint was not sufficiently tightened, the second-row seatbelt buckle may come loose in a crash, increasing the risk of injury.

To remedy concerned vehicles, Volvo Cars will inspect the bolt torque on the second-row seatbelt buckle anchorage bolts ensuring all bolts are torqued according to specification.

Volvo Cars centrally has not received any reports alleging injuries, fatalities, or crashes related to this condition.

A total of 2,911 U.S. and 233 Canadian vehicles are eligible for this recall.

All vehicles are currently marked in **TIE** and QW90 will follow early next week.

**NEW VEHICLES IN RETAILER INVENTORY**

It is a violation of Federal law for a retailer to deliver any new Volvo that is eligible for a recall. Retailers are advised to check all vehicles in inventory for recall eligibility and repair immediately. Violation of this requirement by a retailer could result in a civil penalty of up to \$26,315.00 per violation. Correct all vehicles in your new vehicle inventory before delivery.

**USED VEHICLES IN RETAILER INVENTORY**

Volvo Car USA is ordering the stop-delivery of affected vehicles in auction and retailer inventory until the recalled item can be repaired.

Stopping the delivery of affected used vehicles until the recall is complete is consistent with Volvo’s commitment to safety. Additionally, while Federal law does not prohibit the sale of



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used vehicles with open recalls, the sale of such cars could violate certain state laws and create liability on behalf of the retailer.

**What does this mean for customers?**

We have no reports of incidents related to the issue; however, we encourage customers to contact their retailer and have this recall repair completed as soon as possible.

Vehicle eligibility must be confirmed:

- Vehicle Inquiry – Warranty Vehicle Inquiry where the message “Recall R10259 Seatbelt Buckle” will appear for eligible vehicles. F4+History from the main Inquiry menu must be selected to confirm Recall R10259 has not been completed. Eligibility can also be confirmed in TIE.
- Recall R10259 eligible vehicles not yet delivered to customer must be corrected prior to delivery.

All vehicles must be checked for any incomplete recalls, service campaigns or service upgrades. All open recalls, service campaigns or Service Action repairs must be completed. If you have any questions concerning this recall or your retailer’s affected vehicles, please send an e-mail with your retailer code to [recall@volvocars.com](mailto:recall@volvocars.com).

**Owner Notification**

An owner notification letter will be sent out in late-January that will notify the owner of this recall.

**Port Vehicles**

It is the retailer’s responsibility to check vehicle eligibility prior to delivery.

**Parts / Parts Return**

No parts are needed for this recall.

**Claim Submission**

Claim submission instructions will be made available in the R10259 Quality Bulletin once available.



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### **Retailer Responsibilities**

Retailers must perform this recall campaign on eligible vehicles regardless of miles/kilometers or vehicle age. All work performed under this recall is free of charge to the owner. As the safety of our customers is our utmost priority, we are taking full responsibility to ensure the highest quality and safety standards for our cars.

Your Cooperation in completing this important recall is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

VCUSA Product, Safety, and Compliance