



**Press release
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Prevost Awarded Contract from MTA New York City Transit for 90 Coaches

Sainte-Claire, QC, – Prevost has been awarded a contract by MTA New York City Transit (NYCT) to manufacture 90 Prevost X3-45 motor express coaches. The pilot vehicle will be delivered in July and the other 89 coaches are expected to be delivered between October 2011 and January 2012. The contract between Prevost and NYCT also includes structural integrity testing, tailpipe emission profile testing, and training.

NYCT has awarded this contract to Prevost in order to test the Prevost coaches for durability, reliability and lifetime value. The X3-45 coaches will be used in a demanding commuter application which requires reliable vehicle performance. In addition, the service of these coaches will allow for NYCT to verify that the Prevost X3-45 coach meets the standards of the NYCT New Bus Qualification Program. Through the structural integrity validation, Prevost is able to provide NYCT with a 12 year structural warranty. NYCT operated a similar Prevost coach in 2008 out of their Castleton and Yonkers Depots, with favorable results.

The X3-45 coach features have been developed with a focus on transit operation concerns such as passenger safety, accessibility, low operation costs and ease of maintenance.

Features of the X3-45 express coach will be:

- New Entrance Door (Bi-Part) for ease of entry from the curb
- Fast Front Kneeling
- Enhanced Entrance Area and Grab Rails for Accessibility and Fare Box Provision
- Revised Driver Controls to address transit bus operations
- New Transit Style Mirrors for easy repair and lower replacement costs
- Customized Exterior Passenger Side Mirror (to accommodate 82" high positioning for additional passenger clearance)
- 8D batteries - (Transit Industry feature)
- Electronic signs:
 - o Front Full Width Destination Display including an Upper Defrost Grid in the windshield
 - o Side and Rear Signs
- Passenger Stop Request System
- Lower Tint Windows
- Driver Partition
- Rear Full Width Passenger Row - Total 57 passengers
- Passenger Seats by 4One
- New Sliding Wheelchair Lift Door
- LED Headlights
- LED Exterior Lighting
- LED Interior Lighting
- Energy Absorbing Bumpers
- Electronic Interlocks adapted to transit operations

The X3-45 coaches will include Volvo D13 engines and Allison transmissions. The Volvo D13 engine is the only engine platform in the industry that has been tested with years of real-world road conditions. Volvo's D13 engine has superior low-end performance, and a smooth, quiet operation.

NYCT and Prevost share a passion for environmental care and the D13 engine supports Prevost's long-standing policy of conserving energy and protecting natural resources. The Volvo D13 Engine with SCR exceeds 2010 EPA NOx emissions requirements, drastically lowering emission of air pollutants and offering lower fuel consumption than any previous engine. In addition, Prevost has been ISO 14001 certified since 1997, the only coach manufacturer to have achieved this world recognized environmental certification.

About Prevost

Prevost is a leading manufacturer of premium intercity touring coaches and the world leader in the production of conversion coaches for high-end motorhome and specialty conversion. A company in the Volvo Group of Companies, it has access to the financial strength, research capability, and manufacturing expertise of the group. The Volvo Group is one of the world's leading manufacturers of heavy-duty diesel engines. Prevost has its main manufacturing facilities in Sainte-Claire, Quebec, Canada and has seven Parts and Service Centers located in the United States and Canada.

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