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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS
SECTION

Subject: Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report

Pursuant to Part 573.6 (c) (1), this Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by **International Truck and Engine Corporation**.

(1) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6 (c)(2)]

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - o IC Bus
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - o 3/21/2003 and 10/20/2003 at our Conway, AK manufacturing facility
 - o 3/12/2003 and 10/20/2003 at our Tulsa, OK manufacturing facility
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - o Vehicles with hydraulic brakes only.

(2) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6 (c)(2)(iv)]

- This report does not relate to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than International Truck and Engine Corporation.

(3) VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]

<i>Model</i>	<i>U.S. Quantity</i>	<i>Canadian Quantity</i>	<i>Mexico Quantity</i>	<i>Export Quantity</i>
IC Bus	2546	0	0	0

(4) PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]

- 100%

(5) DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]

- An older, incorrect revision level of the brake pedal was installed. Misalignment, caused by the older version of the brake pedal, in conjunction with a force actuated brake switch, can cause delayed brake light activation during light braking applications. In some light braking situations, the vehicle can come to a complete stop without activation of the brake lights.
- If the brake lights do not activate properly under normal driving conditions, with light brake pedal pressure, these vehicles could be involved in an accident possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death.

(6) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)(7)]

- 10/14/2003 Mis-build notice from the assembly plant received. Initial meetings conducted to determine direction of investigation.
- 11/24/2003 Determination of potential part numbers involved and discussion of plants effected.
- 12/4/2003 Meeting to determine extent of issue and discuss containment actions taken at assembly plants.
- 12/17/2003 Search conducted to determine suspect population.
- 12/18/2003 International declares a safety recall

(7) PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]

- The older revision of the pedal will be replaced with the correct version of the pedal

(8) PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]

- None of the vehicles in this recall fall outside the warranty period; therefore, our plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 2/6/2003 does not apply.

(9) SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(1)]

- Part availability is undetermined as of the date of this report. If parts do not become available within 60 days of the date of this report, dealers and customers will receive an Interim Notice according to the following schedule:
 - Notify International Dealers by: February 18, 2004
 - Notify International Customers by: February 20, 2004

(10) *INTERNATIONAL RECALL NUMBER* [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]

- 03518 (NHTSA number not assigned yet)

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Very truly yours,



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