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TRUCK GROUP

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20590

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:
 - 4000, 7000, and 8000 Series models
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - Between 3/20/2004 and 4/5/2004
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - None

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

- This report does relate to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than International Truck and Engine Corporation. The contact information is as follows:

Delphi Automotive Systems Ashimori
Michael McKale, Mgr Product Govt. Affairs
2825 Delphi Dr.
Troy, MI 48098
(248) 813-3362

(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>
4200 4X2	41	1	0	0
4300 4X2	975	86	0	0
4400 4X2	138	15	0	0
4400 6X4	18	9	0	0
7300 4X2	13	0	0	0
7300 4X4	66	0	0	0
7400 4X2	36	12	0	0
7400 4X4	7	0	0	1
7400 6X4	22	8	0	0
7400 6X6	7	0	0	0
7500 4X2	1	0	0	0
7500 6X4	3	4	0	0
7600 4X2	14	0	0	0
7600 6X4	121	30	10	17
8500 4X2	3	0	0	0
8600 4X2	143	0	0	0
8600 6X4	79	6	0	0
Totals	1,687	171	10	18

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

- 100%

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

- A seat belt latch component that engages the seat belt tongue failed a quality review at Delphi.
- This failure causes a noncompliance of FMVSS S4.4 (b)(3) and may also cause the seat belt tongue to become disengaged from the latch without warning in a vehicle crash or during episodes of high seat belt loading.
- The cause of this failure is due to inadequate process control at one of Delphi's component suppliers.
- This defect report is submitted as a Safety Defect and not a Noncompliance because the part, which was improperly manufactured, when used as designed and properly manufactured, meets and exceeds the requirements of FMVSS S4.4 (b)(3).

(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)]**

- 4/1/2004 Delphi informed International that defective seat belt latch assemblies were shipped to our assembly plants.
- 4/1/2004 thru 4/8/2004 Affected assembly plants quarantined all onsite vehicles and began retrofitting suspect seat belt assemblies.
- 4/13/2004 International conducted a search to determine extent of suspect population that was not retrofitted.
- 4/15/2004 International declares a safety recall.

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

- All suspect vehicles' seat belt assemblies will be inspected and replaced as required.

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

- All of the vehicles in this recall fall inside the warranty period; therefore, our plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 2/6/2003 does not apply and instructions will not be included in the customer notification.

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

- Notify International Dealers by: June 3, 2004
- Notify International Customers by: June 10, 2004

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

- 04506 (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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