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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 revised 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:
 - All medium duty trucks and CE school busses.
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 7/20/2004 thru 8/5/2004
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - All units with hydraulic brakes.

(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 park brake assembly is manufactured by Robert Bosch Corporation.
- Contact information as follows:
 - John Mayes
Chassis Division
Robert Bosch Corporation Automotive Group
1 Corporate Way
P.O. Box 2488
Sumter, SC 29151-2488
(803) 481-6090

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

Model	U.S. Quantity	Canadian Quantity
3200	2	0
4200 4X2	53	1
4300 4X2	234	26
4400 4X2	2	0
CE School Bus	41	0
Totals	332	27

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

- All will be inspected to determine the appropriate level of remedy. It is estimated that less than 60 units will require the park brake assembly replaced.

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

- The parking brake assembly backing plate was incorrectly machined. This may cause the park brake to not fully engage. If the park brake does engage, it will may not fully release.

(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)]

- 8/2/2004 International informed Bosch that vehicles were not passing an end-of-line test; the park brake was not holding the chassis under engine load.
- 8/3/2004-8/5/2004 All plants were notified to quarantine hydraulic chassis and perform a vehicle test to determine if a vehicle was built with a suspect park brake assembly. Plants were also instructed to review their shelf stock to quarantine suspect assemblies.
- 8/10/2004 International conducts a search to determine suspect population.
- 8/16/2004 International declares a safety recall.

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

- All suspect vehicles will be inspected to determine if park brake assembly replacement is required.

(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 and instructions will be included in the customer notification.

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

- 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, an INTERIM NOTICE will be sent to dealers and owners informing them that this recall exists.
- If required, the date of the INTERIM NOTICE notification will be:
 - Notify International Dealers by: October 22, 2004
 - Notify International Customers by: October 29, 2004

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

- 04514 (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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