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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:
 - 9000 Series models
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 7/26/2004 thru 7/29/2004
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Vehicles built at our Chatham, Ontario Assembly plant.

(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>
9200I4X2	0	2
9200I6X4	99	18
9400I6X4	124	13
9900I6X4	15	8
Grand Total	238	41

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

- 10%

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

- Only 8 bolts were installed in the brake group during axle build up. The brake group, an assembly that includes the brake shoes, springs, air chambers, slack adjusters, and spider, is normally attached to an axle housing with 9 bolts. International has no test results that validate whether an 8-bolt system has comparable structural integrity to a 9 bolt system.

(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)]

- 7/28/2004 International's Chatham, Ontario Assembly Plant inspected a chassis and found it did not install the required 9 bolts in the brake group.
- 7/28/2004 Chatham Assembly Plant began containment procedures to ensure all 9 bolts are installed.
- 8/13/2004 Conducted search to determine extent of 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 appropriate level of remedy required.
- Remedy will consist of:
 - Inspect to determine if vehicle requires an additional bolt. If missing, the 9th bolt will be added and the entire assembly re-torqued.

(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)(i)]

- 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: October 22, 2004
 - Notify International Customers by: October 29, 2004

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

- 04515 (NHTSA number not assigned yet)

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. L. Van Laar".

R. L. Van Laar
Compliance Manager
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION