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

Subject: Revised Defect Notification for Safety Recall 04304 (NHTSA 04V-492)

International is supplying the attached revised defect notice for IC Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of International Truck and Engine Corporation.

The general format of the revised defect notice is changed from the original defect notice submitted by IC Corporation. The information remains the same with the exception of the population total and related build dates (see items 1 and 3). International determined that a small number of the suspect population was a actually different bus model, and removed it from the suspect population. The build dates were in the middle of the date range, and did not result in a change to the model years.

If you have a need for any additional information please contact me on 260-461-1890.

Respectfully,

R. L Van Laar
Compliance Manager



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Recall 04304 (NHTSA 04V-492)**

Pursuant to Part 573.6 (c) (1), this Revised Vehicle Safety Defect Information Report is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by **IC Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of International Truck and Engine Corporation.**

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

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - IC Corporation FE School Bus (FESB), model years 1992-2004
 - IC Corporation FE Commercial Bus (FECB), model years 1996-2004
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - FESB From January 10, 1992 through March 2, 2004
 - FECB From August 9, 1996 through February 24, 2004
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Having CE White driver seats with a pedestal style mount supplied by both CE White and IC

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

- This report does relate to a component supplied by a manufacturer in addition to IC Corporation.
- Supplier Contact information:
 - Scott K. Hiler
 - C.E. White Co.
 - 417 N. Kibler St.
 - New Washington, Ohio 44854
 - Phone 419-492-2157

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

Model	U.S. Quantity
FESB	8129
FECB	36
Grand Total	8165

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

- All vehicles in the suspect population **may** contain the defect.

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

- Some FE model buses were built with CE White driver seats with a pedestal style mount supplied by both CE White and IC. Some of these pedestals have developed cracks in the plate, which provides the mounting surface for the seat. These cracks in some instances have progressed to the extent that the seat became unstable and had to be repaired or replaced.

(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)]*

- February 11, 2004: Wil Dupuy from New Port News school system in Virginia notified Jim Balkonis, Customer Service Engineer, of problem.
- February 17, 2004: Product Integrity at Conway was notified.
- July 15, 2004: Compliance Committee reviewed this issue and determined that this defect requires a campaign action to reduce the possibility of the failures being experienced.
- August 4th and 5th, 2004: Inspection of customer units was performed by Scott Hiler representing CE White, Nate Seymour representing NHTSA and Bob Douglas representing IC.

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

- The repair procedure for this defect will require replacing the upper portion of the pedestal assembly with a more robust designed part.
- IC will provide parts at no charge and reimburse the customers or dealers for labor.

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

- Because there are vehicles that may fall outside the warranty period, our plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 2/6/2003 not applies.

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

- Expected date of notification is by August 1, 2005.

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

- Recall 04304 (NHTSA 04V-492).

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "R. L. Van Laar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "L" and a long, sweeping underline.

R. L. Van Laar
Compliance Manager