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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:
 - Model Year 2004 and 2005: 4400, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 8500, and 8600 Series models
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 1/16/2004 thru 11/1/2004
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Vehicles built at our Springfield, Ohio and Garland, Texas Assembly plants with cabs assembled at our Springfield, Ohio assembly plant that have high and mid-high mounting systems.

(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>
4400 4X2	1,998	165	0	2
4400 6X4	502	95	0	1
7300 4X2	750	24	0	15
7300 4X4	646	7	0	18
7400 4X2	1,864	150	0	48
7400 4X4	313	11	0	9
7400 6X4	2,045	311	142	86
7400 6X6	118	1	0	5
7500 4X2	91	25	0	0
7500 4X4	44	2	0	0
7500 6X4	513	225	0	7
7500 6X6	18	1	0	0
7600 4X2	315	20	0	0
7600 6X4	2,306	404	116	279
7700 6X4	17	0	0	0
8500 4X2	190	24	0	0
8500 6X4	30	13	0	0
8600 4X2	2,387	44	0	0
8600 6X4	3,294	416	1	0
Grand Total	17,443	1,938	259	470

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

- 100%

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

- The sixteen (16) bolts that mount the front of the cab to two (2) cast mounting brackets were not properly torqued at the manufacturing plant.
- Without proper assembly torque, these bolts can loosen during normal vehicle use and fall out. This may lead to the cab separating from the vehicle's chassis during a vehicle crash that may result in property damage, personal injury or death.

(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: January 14, 2005
 - Notify International Customers by: January 21, 2005

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

- 04521 (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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