



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORPORATION  
3033 WAYNE TRACE  
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NVS-215kjs  
05V-131

Subject: DRIVESHAFT SEPARATION

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

IC/RE/2004-2005  
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**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-131

**Recall Date:** March 30, 2005

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE:DRIVESHAFT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 949

**Summary:**

CERTAIN IC CORPORATION RE SCHOOL AND COMMERCIAL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 29, 2003, AND MARCH 9, 2005. THERE CAN BE METAL TO METAL INTERFERENCE AT THE DRIVELINE U-JOINT. THIS INTERFERENCE CAN LOOSEN THE AXLE STRAP OR CAUSE THE STRAP OR STRAP BOLTS TO BREAK BECAUSE OF FATIGUE STRESSES, CAUSING THE DRIVESHAFT TO SEPARATE FROM THE AXLE YOKE.

**Consequence:**

IF THE DRIVESHAFT SEPARATES FROM THE VEHICLE, IT COULD COME IN CONTACT WITH OTHER VEHICLES ON OR NEAR THE ROADWAY, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.

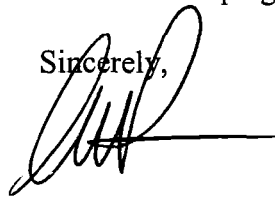
**Remedy:**

IC CORPORATION WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND WILL REPAIR THE VEHICLE FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2005. OWNERS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE THE FREE REMEDY WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME SHOULD CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 260-461-1924.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at [KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV](mailto:KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement