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NVS-215
05V-448

Subject: DRIVER'S SEAT BELT TETHERS

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 is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

INTERNATIONAL/5500I/2005-2006
INTERNATIONAL/5600I/2005-2006
INTERNATIONAL/9200I/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-448

Mfg's Report Date: September 30, 2005

Components: SEAT BELTS:FRONT:WEBBING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 125

Summary:

ON CERTAIN HEAVY DUTY TRUCK/TRACTORS EQUIPPED WITH SEARS ATLAS SERIES 35, 70, OR 80 DRIVER'S SEATS, WHEN THE SEATS ARE IN THEIR LOWEST, MOST REARWARD ADJUSTED POSITION, THEY MAY CHAFE THE SEAT BELT TETHER THAT CONNECTS FROM THE SEAT TO THE BACK OF THE CAB.

Consequence:

THIS CHAFING MAY EVENTUALLY CUT THROUGH THE TETHER, THUS WEAKENING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY IN A VEHICLE CRASH, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE VEHICLES FOR SUSPECT SEAT CODES AND WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING 12" SEAT TETHERS WITH NEW 13.5" TETHERS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 15, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 05519. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

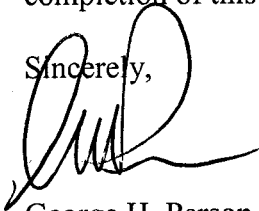
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on October 15, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
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Enforcement