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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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FORT WAYNE IN 46806

NVS-215  
05V-449

**Subject: REAR DRIVE AXLE SPINDLE/ARVINMERITOR**

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/5600I/2006  
INTERNATIONAL/7300/2006  
INTERNATIONAL/7600/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-449

**Mfg's Report Date:** September 30, 2005

**Components:** POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 4

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN HEAVY DUTY TRUCK/TRACTORS EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR SERIES 145 AND 160 REAR DRIVE AXLES. THE SUSPECT REAR DRIVE AXLE'S SPINDLES MAY HAVE BEEN INCORRECTLY HEAT TREATED. SUCH A CONDITION LESSENS THE OVERALL STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE SPINDLES AND COULD RESULT IN ITS FRACTURE.

**Consequence:**

IF A SPINDLE FRACTURES WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION, IT MAY CAUSE WHEEL SEPARATION, WHICH COULD, WITHOUT WARNING RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE SUSPECT VEHICLES AND IF THE SPINDLES ARE FOUND TO HAVE CERTAIN DATE CODES, THE AXLE WILL BE REPLACED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 14, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

**Notes:**

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 05520. 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).

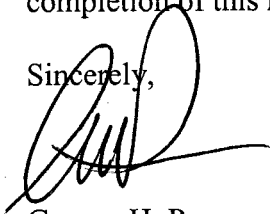
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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 14, 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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement