



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORPORATION
3033 WAYNE TRACE
FORT WAYNE IN 46806

NVS-215
05V-523

Subject: CAB ENTRY STEP REINFORCEMENT

Dear MR.VAN LAAR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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/CF500/2005-2006
INTERNATIONAL/CF600/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-523

Mfg's Report Date: November 10, 2005

Components: STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 989

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THE CAB ENTRY STEPS WERE MANUFACTURED INCORRECTLY CAUSING THEM TO HAVE LOWER MATERIAL STRENGTH PROPERTIES THAN DESIGNED. THESE LOWER MATERIAL STRENGTH PROPERTIES CAN ALLOW THE STEP TREAD TO FRACTURE AND SEPARATE FROM THE VEHICLE UNDER NORMAL USAGE.

Consequence:

STEP TREAD SEPARATION WHILE A PERSON IS ENTERING OR EXITING THE CAB, MAY RESULT IN PROPERLY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL REINFORCED METAL BRACKETS ON BOTH CAB ENTRY STEP PLATFORMS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 28, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 05521. 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 November 28, 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,

for Patricia Wallace

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