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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 **IC Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of International Truck and Engine Corporation.**

(1) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6 (c)(2)]

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - IC Corporation CE School Bus (CESB)
 - IC Corporation FE School Bus (FECB)
 - IC Corporation RE School Bus (RESB)
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - From 05-12-2003 through 03-02-2005
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Buses with Child Restraint Anchorage Systems (Latch Attachments) Option (Property Codes 0048SYH, SYJ, TAN, TGY, TGZ, TMU, TMV, TMW, TMX, TNB, TPY, TXW)

(2) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6 (c)(2)(iv)]

- This report does not relate to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than IC Corporation.
- Supplier Contact information: N/A

(3) VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]

<i>Model</i>	<i>U.S. Quantity</i>
CESB	1108
FESB	10
RESB	24
Grand Total	1142

- (4) *PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]*
- All vehicles in the suspect population **may** contain the defect.

- (5) *DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]*
- The diameter latch attachment bars exceed the diameter stated in FMVSS 225 and may make it difficult with future car seat attachments. Not attaching the child seat properly may result in personal injury or death.
 - In addition, some of the latch attachments are located too far forward of the seat back. The inappropriate placement of the brackets may result in personal injury to a passenger when not seated in a car seat.

- (6) *CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]*
- 2/28/05 IC Corporation receives complaint from a school district in Plano, Texas. Customer advises that some passengers are complaining that the bar for the latch, on seats with the child seat latch option, is causing discomfort where the seat back meets the seat cushion when riding in seats with the latch attachment.
 - 03/01/2005 IC Corporation begins investigation.
 - 03/07/2005 IC Corporation visits customer in Plano, Texas.
 - 03/08/2005 IC Corporation places all units with this option not shipped on hold for repair.
 - 03/17/2005 International/IC conducts vehicle search.
 - 03/23/2005 International/IC declares recall.

- (7) *PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]*
- Remedy will consist of one of the following variations based on customer requirements:
 - #1 Brackets will be removed and replaced by a special belt system.
 - #2 Seat frame will be replaced by a frame with a new seat attachment bracket.

- (8) *PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*
- Because there are no vehicles that may fall outside the warranty period, our plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 2/6/2003 does not apply.

- (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, customers will receive an Interim Notice according to the following schedule:
 - Notify IC Customers by: May 26, 2005

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

- Recall 05507.

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. L. Van Laar".

R. L. Van Laar
Compliance Manager