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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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**Subject: Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report (REF: 05E-020)**

Pursuant to Part 573.6 (c) (1), this Vehicle Safety Defect Initial Information Report is submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration by **International Truck and Engine Corporation**.

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

- Vehicle Models Involved:
  - MY 2005 thru 2006: 5000, 7000, 8000, and 9000 series models
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
  - 2/21/2005 thru 3/10/2005
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
  - Vehicles with Accuride brand 22.5x8.25, 15°, tubeless aluminum wheels

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

- This report does relate to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than International Truck and Engine Corporation.
- The contact information is as follows:

ACCURIDE CORPORATION  
Bill Knoll, Director Quality and Program Management  
2315 Adams Lane  
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(3) *VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]*

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*VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED (continued)*

<i>Model</i>	<i>U.S. Quantity</i>	<i>Canadian Quantity</i>	<i>Export Quantity</i>
5500I 6X4	6	0	0
5600I 6X4	0	1	0
7400 4X4	2	0	0
7500 4X4	2	0	0
7500 6X4	1	1	0
7600 6X4	2	0	0
8600 6X4	1	0	0
9200I 4X2	20	0	0
9200I 6X4	49	1	0
9400I 6X4	114	2	16
9900I 6X4	0	2	0
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>

(4) *PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]*

- Two percent (2%) of the vehicles in the suspect population are estimated to contain the defect.

(5) *DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]*

- Some wheels manufactured were not properly pre-stressed before being shipped.
- Wheels that have not been properly pre-stressed could over time develop cracks in the wheel that, if allowed to propagate, could result in a wheel failure, which may result in a **vehicle crash without warning** possibly resulting in **property damage, personal injury or death**.

(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)]*

- 3/24/2005 Accuride notifies International that they have declared a safety recall.
- 3/29/2005 An inspection is begun to identify possible suspect vehicle population at several manufacturing plants.
- 4/8/2005 All vehicles not yet shipped are quarantined at the manufacturing facility and inspected or repaired.
- 4/13/2005 International conducts a search to determine suspect population.
- 4/27/2005 International declares a safety recall.

(7) *PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]*

- Vehicles' wheels will be inspected and, if necessary, replaced.

(8) *PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*

- None of the vehicles in this recall fall outside the warranty period; therefore, our plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 2/6/2003 does not apply and instructions will not be included in the customer notification.

(9) *SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*

- Notify International Dealers by: May 27, 2005
- Notify International Customers by: June 3, 2005

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

- 05510 (NHTSA number not assigned yet)

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

Very truly yours,



R. L. Van Laar

Compliance Manager

**INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION**