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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 (REF: 05E-028)

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 2004 thru 2005: 5000 and 9000 series models
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 1/6//2004 thru 1/27/2005
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Vehicles with Holland (Neway) AD series air suspension systems.

(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:

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

<i>Model</i>	<i>U.S. Quantity</i>	<i>Canadian Quantity</i>	<i>Mexico Quantity</i>
5500I 6X4	3	0	0
5600I 6X4	16	29	16
5600I 8X6	1	67	0
5900I 6X4	6	46	0
5900I 8X6	0	26	0
9200I 6X4	0	1	0
9400I 6X4	0	8	13
9900I 6X4	0	20	0
9900IX	0	1	0
Grand Totals	26	198	29

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

- Ninety-five percent (95%) of the vehicles in the suspect population are estimated to contain the defect.

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

- A transverse suspension beam casting was not manufactured to specification and may fracture under normal loads.
- If a casting breaks while in transit, there is the potential for pieces of the casting to become projectiles and the beam may come in contact with the road surface causing sparks that could ignite a fire. This could 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)]*

- 4/22/2005 Holland USA notifies International that they have declared a safety recall.
- 4/29/2005 International conducts a search to determine suspect population.
- 5/6/2005 International declares a safety recall.

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

- Suspect vehicles will be inspected. If a transverse beam has an 'SS' foundry mark, it will be replaced.

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

- Some 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 apply and instructions will be included in the customer notification.

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

- Part availability is undetermined as of this date. If parts do not become available within 60 days from the date of this notice, an Interim Notice will be mailed to suspect vehicle owners according to the following schedule.
 - Notify International Dealers by: July 8, 2005
 - Notify International Customers by: July 15, 2005

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

- 05512 (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