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**TRUCK GROUP**

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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 Washington D.C. 20590

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**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 **International Truck and Engine Corporation**.

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

- Vehicle Models Involved:
  - MY 2006: 4200 and 4300 model trucks
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
  - 1/22/2005 thru 1/24/2005
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
  - Vehicles with feature code 004JNB (66mm front hydraulic brake calipers)

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

- This report does not relate to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than International Truck and Engine Corporation.

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

<i>Model</i>	<i>US Quantity</i>	<i>Canada Quantity</i>
4200 4X2	6	1
4300 4X2	54	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2</b>

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

- 100% percent of the vehicles in the suspect population are estimated to contain the defect.

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

- A longer front hydraulic brake hose, for a large (73mm) hydraulic caliper, was substituted for the shorter, correct length hose used on the small (66mm) caliper.
- This extra length may cause the wheel to rub through the brake hose. A hole in a brake hose can cause a loss of braking ability that 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)]*

- 5/25/2005 Notified of an accident that occurred in the field due to a wheel rubbing through the brake hose.
- 5/31/2005 Began a field inspection to determine extent of field penetration of long brake hose.
- 6/13/2005 Performed a search to determine the suspect population.
- 6/22/2005 International declares a safety recall.

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

- All (100%) suspect vehicles will have their front brake hoses inspected. If a brake hose is found to be too long, it will be replaced with a proper length hose.

(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: June 24, 2005
- Notify International Customers by: July 1, 2005

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

- 05515 (NHTSA number not assigned yet)

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

Very truly yours,



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