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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
 400 Seventh Street, S.W.
 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 2005 thru 2006: 5500i, 5600i, 9200i
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 8/23/2004 thru 9/13/2005
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Vehicles built with Sears Atlas series 35, 70 or 80 driver's seats
 - Feature codes 16JHX, 16JHZ, 16JJH, 16LJJ

(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>U.S. Quantity</i>
5500i 6X4	21
5600i 6X4	18
9200i 4X2	31
9200i 6X4	55
Grand Totals	125

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

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

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

- When the subject seats are in their lowest, most rearward adjusted position they may chafe the seat belt tether that connects from the seat to the back of the cab.
- This chafing may eventually cut through the tether, thus weakening the effectiveness of the seat belt assembly in a vehicle crash, 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)]*

- 9/12/2005 International Compliance is notified of a fleet customer that is experiencing frayed tethers. We first identified two seat codes that could result in the tethers rubbing the bottom of the seat.
- 9/19/2005 Determined that additional seat codes could have tethers rubbing.
- 9/20/2005 All suspect units at various manufacturing facilities are quarantined.
- 9/22/2005 Search conducted to determine the extent of the population.
- 9/28/2005 International declares a safety recall.

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

- Vehicles with suspect seat codes will require the replacement of the existing 12 inch seat tethers with new 13.5 inch tethers.

(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 8/30/2005 does apply and instructions will be included in the customer notification.

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

- Notify International Dealers by: October 7, 2005
- Notify International Customers by: October 15, 2005

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

- 05519 (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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