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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
06V-189

Subject: PARK BRAKE SYSTEM

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

IC/BE/2004-2007

IC/CE/2004-2007

INTERNATIONAL/1300FBC/2004-2007

INTERNATIONAL/3300/2004-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-189

Mfg's Report Date: May 24, 2006

Components:

PARKING BRAKE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9,823

Summary:

CERTAIN MY 2004 THROUGH 2007 CE AND BE SCHOOL BUSES AND 1300 AND 3300 MODEL VEHICLE CHASSIS MANUFACTURED BY IC CORPORATION BETWEEN MARCH 17, 2004, AND MAY 15, 2006.

THERE ARE TWO SPECIFIC DEFECTS THAT WILL BE REMEDIED BY THIS RECALL:

1.) THE PARK BRAKE SYSTEM MAY ACTIVATE WHILE THE VEHICLE IS UNDER NORMAL OPERATION. ALTHOUGH THE VEHICLE IS BROUGHT TO A STOP, THE ACTIVATION MAY OCCUR WITHOUT WARNING OR INPUT FROM THE DRIVER AND MAY STRAND THE VEHICLE IN AN ACTIVE LANE.

2.) THE SPRING APPLIED, HYDRAULIC RELEASE (SAHR) PARK BRAKE ACTUATOR COULD EXPERIENCE A HYDRAULIC LOCK CONDITION THAT WILL NOT ALLOW THE PARK BRAKE TO APPLY.

Consequence:

SHOULD THE PARK BRAKE ACTIVATE AND STRAND THE VEHICLE, IT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO A VEHICLE CRASH, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH. SHOULD THE PARK BRAKE NOT APPLY, A VEHICLE ROLL AWAY CAN OCCUR AND MAY RESULT IN A CRASH, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE BUSES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JULY 14, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT IC CORPORATION AT 800-322-2884 OR OWNERS MAY CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 06504. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall,

including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on July 14, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement