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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. RICK VAN LAAR
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INTERNATIONAL TRUCK & ENGINE CORPORATION
3033 WAYNE TRACE
FORT WAYNE, IN 46806

NVS-215kjs
06V-228

Subject: FMVSS 221/JOINT STRENGTH

Dear MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance 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/RESB/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-228

Mfg's Report Date: June 23, 2006

Components:
SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,200

Summary:
CERTAIN 2006 AND 2007 IC RESB (PB305) SCHOOL BUSES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JULY 1, 2005, AND MAY 9, 2006. A JOINT AT THE REAR OF THE BUS WHERE THE DAVENPORT IS ATTACHED TO THE FLOOR DOES NOT MEET THE JOINT STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 221, SCHOOL BUS BODY JOINT STRENGTH.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A VEHICLE CRASH, THE BODY STRUCTURE OF THE BUS COULD COLLAPSE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN SERIOUS INJURY TO THE BUS OCCUPANTS.

Remedy:

IC WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND WILL ADD A RETAINING BAR ALONG THE FRONT OF THE DAVENPORT FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 18, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT IC AT 1-800-843-5615 OR INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 06505. 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).

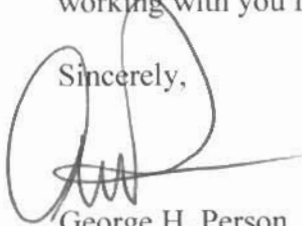
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 August 18, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office on or before 30 days after 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,



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