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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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

NVS-215
06V-384

Subject: ADJUSTABLE LOWER TORQUE RODS/CHALMERS

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:

INTERNATIONAL/5500I/2007
INTERNATIONAL/5600I/2007
INTERNATIONAL/5900I/2007
INTERNATIONAL/7400/2007
INTERNATIONAL/7500/2007
INTERNATIONAL/7600/2007
INTERNATIONAL/7700/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-384

Mfg's Report Date: October 4, 2006

Components: SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 87

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH CHALMERS REAR SUSPENSIONS, THE ADJUSTABLE TORQUE ROD END CASTINGS MAY BE BRITTLE. A BRITTLE ROD END CASTING MAY FRACTURE WITHOUT WARNING, CAUSING THE VEHICLES' REAR AXLES TO BECOME MISALIGNED.

Consequence:

THIS MISALIGNMENT CAN CAUSE THE VEHICLE TO LOSE DIRECTIONAL STABILITY AT SPEEDS THAT MAY RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE VEHICLES TO DETERMINE IF THEY WERE MANUFACTURED WITH A SUSPECT TORQUE ROD END. IF A SUSPECT TORQUE ROD END IS FOUND, THE ENTIRE TORQUE ROD WILL BE REPLACED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 13, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 06509. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO 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).

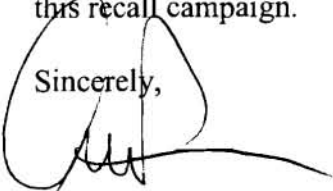
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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, owner notification is expected to begin on or before October 13, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before January 30, 2007.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@dot.gov or delia.lopez@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