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RECALL MANAGEMENT DIVISION



INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION

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TRUCK GROUP

June 4, 2007

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

07V-222
(2 Pages)

Subject: Vehicle Defect Initial Information Report

Pursuant to Part 573.6 (c) (1), this Vehicle 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:
 - o MY 2005 thru 2007: 7400 and 7500 models
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - o 10/11/2004 thru 2/22/2007
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - o With feature codes 0004WDW – Asphalt Spreader Brake Chamber Relocation and 0014GJD – Dana Spicer DST41/RST41 Rear Tandem Axles or 0014GJE - Dana Spicer DST41P/RST41 Rear Tandem Axles.

(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)]

Model	US QTY
7400 6X4	229
7500 6X4	1
Grand Total	230

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

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

- (5) *DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]*
- The rear-rear axle brake slack adjusters may contact the rear axle housing preventing the brakes from being fully applied possibly causing extended stopping distances.
 - Extended stopping distances can contribute to a vehicle crash that may result 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)]*
- 4/17/2007 International Compliance notified by dealership that a vehicle's slack adjusters are contacting the rear axle housing. No vehicle crash reported.
 - 4/22/2007 Instituted a deviation at our Garland, TX manufacturing facility that used a different brake spider to clock the foundation brake assembly further away from the axle housing.
 - 5/7/2007 International conducts a computer search to determine the extent of the suspect population.
 - 5/31/2007 International declares a safety recall.
- (7) *PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]*
- All rear-rear axle brake spiders will be replaced with a spider that has a different brake group clocking angle.
- (8) *PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*
- Some vehicles fall outside the warranty period; therefore, our plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 01/07/2007, 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: July 13, 2007
 - Notify International Customers by: July 20, 2007
- (10) *INTERNATIONAL RECALL NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]*
- 07509 (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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