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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington D.C. 20590

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 **IC Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of International Truck and Engine Corporation.**

(1) *IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6 (c)(2)]*

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - MY 2008: FE Commercial and School Buses
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 3/29/2007 thru 8/28/2007
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - With air brakes and rear exit exhaust systems.

(2) *COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6 (c)(2)(iv)]*

- This report does not relate to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than IC Corporation.

(3) *VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]*

<i>Model</i>	<i>U.S. Quantity</i>
FE C BUS	5
FE S BUS	289
<i>Grand Totals</i>	<i>294</i>

(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 routing of the service and parking brake rubber drop hoses to the rear axle's brake components may bring them too close to the exhaust tail pipe. The rubber hoses may melt if routed too close to the tail pipe causing either of two possibilities:
 - 1) An air leak on the parking brake hose may cause the parking brakes to slowly apply while depleting both the primary and secondary air circuits.
 - Even though the air pressure gauge and low air pressure warning buzzer would give ample warning to a driver, these conditions could cause the vehicle to slow down or stop unexpectedly which may contribute to a vehicle crash possibly causing property damage, personal injury or death.
 - 2) An air leak on a service brake hose may result in extended stopping distances while also depleting the primary air tank.
 - An extended stopping distance can happen without prior warning to the driver and may contribute to a vehicle crash possibly causing 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)]*

- 9/4/2007 International Compliance notified that two vehicles experienced low air pressure warnings while being delivered to a customer.
- 9/6/2007 International inspects these vehicles and determines that the rubber brake drop hoses were melting against the exhaust tail pipe causing the air system to leak.
- 9/10/2007 International quarantines, inspects and repairs all suspect units at the Conway, Arkansas bus manufacturing plant.
- 9/13/2007 International determines the extent of the suspect vehicle population.
- 9/20/2007 International declares a safety recall.

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

- The rubber brake drop hoses will be inspected to determine their proximity to the tail pipe. Any hose found to be closer than four inches (4") will be replaced. Both hoses will then be re-routed to ensure proper distance from the tail pipe.

(8) *PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*

- All vehicles fall within the warranty period; therefore, our plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 01/07/2007, does not apply and instructions will not be included in the customer notification.

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

- Parts disposition is unknown as of the date of this report. If parts do not become available within sixty (60) days from the date of this report, an Interim Notice will be sent to IC customers and dealers according to the following schedule:
 - Notify IC Corp. Dealers by: November 9, 2007
 - Notify IC Corp. Customers by: November 16, 2007

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

- 07513 (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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