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TRUCK GROUP

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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 **International Truck and Engine Corporation**.

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

- Vehicle Models Involved:
 - MY 2007 and 2008: MXT models
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 5/20//2006 thru 7/11/2007
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - None

(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)]

<i>Model</i>	<i>US QTY</i>	<i>CANADA QTY</i>	<i>EXPORT QTY</i>
GVM MXT	2	0	3
GVNM MXT	0	0	4
MXT 4X4	25	5	1
Grand Total	27	5	8

(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 positive battery cables, that supply power from the batteries to the starter, may be routed near the engine's exhaust manifold. The excess heat generated by the manifold can cause the cable's insulation to melt, exposing bare wire.
- This condition may cause an electrical short and/or fire, which can 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)]*

- 4/26/2007 International Compliance notified of a vehicle in the field had experience melted battery cable insulation. There was no reported fire in this case.
- 5/3/2007 Initial inspection of battery cable routing on units built
- 6/13/2007 Met with plant and design engineering to determine possible containment actions.
- 7/11/07 Containment of the defect as assembly plant.
- 8/18/2007 Met to further define the scope of the issue.
- 9/20/2007 Identified process change dates at the plant that help define the suspect population.
- 10/1/2007 Performed vehicle search to determine final vehicle population.
- 10/18/2007 International declares a safety recall.

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

- All suspect vehicles' battery cables will be inspected and replaced as necessary; and rerouted away from the engine exhaust manifold.

(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)]*

- Part availability is undetermined as of the date of this report. If parts do not become available within 60 days from the date of this report an Interim Notice will be mailed according to the following schedule;
 - Notify International Dealers by: December 14, 2007
 - Notify International Customers by: December 21, 2007

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

- 07514 (NHTSA number not assigned yet)

The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R. L. Van Laar". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

R. L. Van Laar

Compliance Manager

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION