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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-146

SUBJECT: FRONT AXLE WHEEL BEARINGS

DEAR MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter serves to acknowledge International Truck & Engine Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/3000 RE/2008-2009
INTERNATIONAL/4000/2008-2009
INTERNATIONAL/FBC/2008-2009
INTERNATIONAL/SFC/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-146

Mfg's Report Date: March 20, 2008

Components: SUSPENSION: FRONT: WHEEL BEARING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 330

Summary:

INTERNATIONAL IS RECALLING 330 MY 2008-2009 4000 SERIES TRUCKS AND 3000 RE, FBC, AND SFC BUSES. A MANUFACTURING DEFECT IN THE SUBASSEMBLY OF THE FRONT AXLE WHEEL HUBS RESULTED IN THE BEARINGS BEING INADEQUATELY LUBRICATED. THIS CONDITION COULD

CAUSE THE FRONT AXLE BEARINGS TO OVERHEAT WHICH CAN RESULT IN BEARING MATERIAL FLAKING, SEIZING, OR RELATED DAMAGE.

Consequence:

SUCH DAMAGE MAY RESULT IN WHEEL LOCKUP OR FRONT WHEEL SEPARATION ON THE HIGHWAY WITH LITTLE OR NO WARNING TO THE DRIVER, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FRONT AXLE BEARINGS AND, IF NECESSARY, REPLACE AND/OR PROPERLY LUBRICATE THE BEARINGS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MAY 30, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT INTERNATIONAL AT 1-800-448-7825.

Notes:

INTERNATIONAL RECALL NO. 08504. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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).

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a stylized "P".

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