



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215paw  
08V-619

SUBJECT: FRONT AXLE BEARINGS

DEAR MR. VAN LAAR:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, Inc.'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/3200/2009  
INTERNATIONAL/4100/2009  
INTERNATIONAL/4300/2009  
INTERNATIONAL/4400/2009  
IC/HC/2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-619

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 21, 2008

**Components:** SUSPENSION: FRONT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 977

**Summary:**

NAVISTAR IS RECALLING 977 MY 2009 INTERNATIONAL 3200, 4100, 4300, 4400 TRUCKS AND IC BUS HC COMMERCIAL BUSES. THE FRONT AXLE BEARINGS IN SOME CASES WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY LUBRICATED DURING ASSEMBLY WHICH MAY RESULT IN BEARING SEIZING OR POSSIBLE WHEEL SEPARATION.

**Consequence:**

A SEIZED BEARING ON THE FRONT AXLE COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH WHICH MAY RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FRONT AXLE BEARINGS. BEARINGS WILL BE LUBRICATED AND REPLACED IF REQUIRED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT NAVISTAR AT 1-800-448-7825.

**Notes:**

NAVISTAR RECALL NO. 08511. 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).

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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement