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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Subject: Vehicle Defect Initial Information Report

Dear Associate Administrator:

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:
 - 2008 and 2009 MY 4000, 5000, 7000, 8000, 9000 and ProStar
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 2008-01-15 thru 2008-02-13
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Tractors with air brakes
 - Trucks with air brakes and air brake trailer connections

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

- This report relates to a component supplied by a manufacturer other than International Truck and Engine Corporation.
- Contact information is:

Anthony C. LaPlaca
Vice President and General Counsel
Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LCC
901 Cleveland Street
Elyria, OH 44035
440-329-9179

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

<i>Model</i>	<i>US QTY</i>	<i>CANADA QTY</i>	<i>MEXICO QTY</i>	<i>EXPORT QTY</i>
4000	6	1	0	0
5000	17	15	0	6
7000	123	23	0	276
8000	128	2	0	0
9000	50	18	50	115
ProStar	255	38	0	0
<i>Grand Total</i>	<i>579</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>397</i>

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

- It is estimated that all (50%) of the vehicles in suspect population will have the defect.

(5) *DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]*

- The suspect vehicles were equipped with Bendix MV-3 dash control valves that may fall within the population declared to NHTSA as defective in Bendix's Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Information report dated February 14, 2008.
- As reported by Bendix: "Bendix has determined that a manufacturing defect exists in certain MV-3 valve bodies manufactured by a supplier. The supplier of the molded valve body used an incorrect core pin in the injection mold causing the valve body to be oversized in the double check valve seat area. The oversize condition can allow the rubber double check valve to become lodged in the body opening under certain circumstances. If the double check valve becomes lodged, in the event of a primary reservoir failure, air pressure can leak past the lodge double check valve thereby depleting the secondary reservoir, causing reduced ability for modulating the service emergency brakes."

(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)]*

- 2008-02-04 Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems informed International of a possible defect in the MV-3 dash control valve.

- 2008-02-05 International opened an investigation to determine the impact and extent of the problem. Also, containment actions were taken at the assembly plants affected.
- 2008-02-20 Bendix notified International that they had declared a safety recall on the MV-3 valve.
- 2008-02-21 International declares a safety recall.

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

- All the suspect vehicles' Bendix MV-3 dash control valves will be inspected for suspect date codes and replaced, if necessary.

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

- All the vehicles fall within the warranty period; therefore, International's plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies, on file and dated 1/07/2007, does not apply and instructions will not be included in the customer notification.

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

- Availability of repair parts is undetermined as of the date of this report.
- If repair parts are not available within 60 days of the date of this report an Interim Notice will be mailed to customers by 2008-04-18 and International Dealers by 2008-04-11.

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

- International: 08503
- NHTSA: Not Yet Assigned

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

Sincerely,



R. L. Van Laar
Compliance Manager
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION

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