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TRUCK GROUP

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

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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 series trucks (US and Canada)
 - 2008 and 2009 MY 3000 RE bus, FBC bus, and SFC bus (Mexico)
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 12/3/2007 thru 1/25/08
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Built in International's Escobedo Assembly Plant

(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.

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(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	330	6	0	0
3000 RE bus	0	0	14	2
FBC bus	0	0	36	14
SFC bus	0	0	289	0
<i>Grand Total</i>	330	6	339	16

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

- It is estimated that all (100%) of the vehicles in suspect population will have insufficient grease in the front axle wheel bearings.

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

- 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 spalling, seizing or related damage.
- Such damage may result in wheel lockup or front wheel separation on the highway with little or no warning to the driver.

(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)]*

- 2/8/08 International Truck Compliance Group was notified by its Escobedo Assembly Plant that vehicles may have been manufactured with front axles that did not receive sufficient bearing lubrication.
- 2/11/08 Compliance, Engineering, Escobedo plant, and supplier met to determine the cause of the issue and to ensure containment actions were in place.
- 2/14/08 Field inspections were initiated to determine the extent of issue.
- 3/10/08 Vehicle search was conducted based on inspection results and suspect population was determined.
- 3/20/08 International declares a safety recall.

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

- The front axle bearings on all suspect vehicles will be inspected, and if necessary, replaced and/or properly lubricated.

(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 5/30/2008 and International Dealers by 5/23/2008.

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

- International: 08504
- NHTSA: Not Yet Assigned

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

Sincerely,



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