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Subject: Vehicle Defect Initial Information Report – Navistar 08511

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 Navistar, Inc, for its International® brand trucks, and also on behalf of IC Bus, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary.

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

- Vehicle Models Involved:
  - Model year 2009 INTERNATIONAL® 3200, 4100, 4300, and 4400 model series trucks.
  - Model year 2009 IC Bus HC model series commercial buses.
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
  - 8/18/08 thru 10/20/08
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
  - Equipped with 8000 lb and 12,000 lb front axle built at Navistar's Springfield Assembly Plant.

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

- This report relates to a component manufactured by Navistar, Inc.

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

Model	Number of Suspect Vehicles		
	United States	Canada	Export
3200	34	0	0
4100	4	2	0
4300	733	98	1
4400	203	59	0
HC Commercial Bus	3	0	0
Total Vehicles	977	159	1

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

- It is estimated that 10% of the vehicles in suspect population could have the defect.

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

- The front axle bearings in some cases were not sufficiently lubricated during assembly which may result in bearing seizing or possible wheel separation. A seized bearing on the front axle could result in a vehicle crash which may 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)]*

- 9/25/08 – A front axle without bearing grease is reported for a 4300 model truck being delivered to a dealer.
- 10/1/08 thru 11/3/08 – Compliance, Engineering, Manufacturing, and Field Service investigate issue, problem, cause, and possible suspect population. Two additional reports of low bearing grease were reported on vehicles being delivered in this time frame.
- 10/23/08 thru 11/3/08 – It is determined that the cause is a manufacturing error during assembly. Manufacturing begins identifying suspect vehicles and repairing those still at the assembly plant. Out of 200 vehicles inspected at the Springfield Assembly Plant, one additional vehicle was found with insufficient bearing grease.
- 11/4/08 – Suspect population of shipped vehicles is determined.
- 11/20/08 – Navistar declares a safety recall.

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

- All the suspect vehicles' front axle bearings will be inspected. Bearings will be lubricated and replaced if required.

*(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 1/7/2007, does not apply and instructions will not be included in the customer notification.

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

- Repair parts are available to support this recall.
- Notification letters will be mailed to customers by 12/26/08 and INTERNATIONAL® and IC Bus dealers by 12/19/08.

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

- Navistar: 08511
- 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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