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

Subject: Defect Information Report (Initial)
Navistar Campaign 11504

Dear Associate Administrator:

This defect information report is submitted pursuant to Part 573.6(a).

(1) MANUFACTURER'S NAME [Part 573.6(c)(1)]

- Navistar, Inc for its INTERNATIONAL® brand trucks.

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

- Vehicle Type / Make / Model / Model Year Involved:
 - Commercial Truck / INTERNATIONAL® / DuraStar / 2011-2012
 - Commercial Truck / INTERNATIONAL® / WorkStar / 2011-2012
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 10/19/10 thru 2/3/11
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - Equipped with Gunite brake slack adjusters.

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

- This report relates only to a component supplied by Gunite Corporation. Contact information is:

William Noll
Vice President, Corporate Quality
Gunite Corporation
302 Peoples Avenue
Rockford, IL 61104
(812) 962-5024

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

Type	Make	Model	Number of Suspect Vehicles		
			United States	Canada	Export
Commercial Truck	INTERNATIONAL®	DuraStar	16	4	0
Commercial Truck	INTERNATIONAL®	WorkStar	17	0	0
Totals:			33	4	0

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

- Based on Gunite's defect report for recall 11E008, it is estimated that 30% of the vehicles in suspect population could have the defect.

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

- As reported by Gunite in its defect report for recall 11E008:
 - "In some instances, the [manufacturing] nonconformance can cause inadequate structural integrity of the slack adjuster housing, which could cause the housing to break at the handle under normal operating loads.
 - "If the slack adjuster housing were to break, the wheel brake to which the slack adjuster is attached would no longer function, causing the vehicle to have reduced braking capacity and if mounted on the steer axle a possible pull to one side and the vehicle could be involved in an accident resulting in property damage, personal injury or death".

(7) 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)]

- 2/7/11 – Gunite notified Navistar that they had 2 cases of slack adjuster bracket failing at two other OEMs.
- 2/16/11 - Gunite completed their engineering analysis and determined they had a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety
- 2/22/11 - Gunite met with Navistar to determine the scope and severity of the issue. Gunite also filed 573 defect notice with NHTSA.
- 2/23/11 - Navistar determined the extent of International vehicles affected by the suspect slack adjusters.
- 3/7/11 - Navistar reviewed Gunite root cause and corrective action plans to ensure no further product would be affected.
- 3/9/11 – Navistar declares a safety recall.

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

- The remedy will involve the inspection of the vehicle's slack adjuster for a Gunitite specified suspect mold line code / lot number combination. Suspect slack adjusters will be replaced.

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

- A plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies is not needed as all the vehicles are within their original warranty period.

(10) SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)]

- It is estimated that the owner notification letter will be mailed by 4/1/11.

(11) MANUFACTURER'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]

- 11504

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

Sincerely,



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