



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Rick Van Laar  
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NVS-215SM  
14V-606

**Subject:** Lower Clutch Rod Nut may be Missing or Loose

Dear Mr. Van Laar:

This letter serves to acknowledge Navistar, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. 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/TRANSTAR/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 26, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-606

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:CLUTCH ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 78

**Problem Description:**

Navistar, Inc. (Navistar) is recalling certain model year 2015 International TranStar vehicles manufactured April 2, 2014, to June 18, 2014. In the affected vehicles, the nut that fastens the lower clutch rod to the bell crank arm may not have been installed or tightened to the specified torque.

**Consequence:**

A missing or insufficiently tightened nut could cause the lower clutch rod to separate from the bell crank arm, making it difficult to shift the transmission. If the lower clutch rod separates while the vehicle is stopped and the clutch pedal is depressed with the engine running, or it separates during deceleration, the vehicle may lunge unexpectedly in the direction of the selected gear. Any of these scenarios increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Navistar has notified owners, and dealers will replace any missing lower clutch rod nut, and verify that the nut is correctly torqued, free of charge. The recall began in late October 2014. Owners may contact Navistar customer service at 1-800-448-7825. Navistar's number for this recall is 14515.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 contact for this recall will be Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at [sarah.mcshane@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.mcshane@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement