

TRUCK GROUP

SAFETY RECALL 07505

MAY 2007

Dear International Customer.

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

International® has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 4000, 7000, 8000, 9000 and $ProStar^{TM}$ models built 11/15/2006 thru 2/19/2007 with Dana Spicer® 23065, S23-170, S23-170D, D40-170P/R40-170D, DST40/RST40 Tandem, DST41/RST41 Tandem or DST41P/RST41 Tandem rear axles.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

One or both of a suspect vehicle's rear axle housings may contain thinner material than what is necessary for normal vehicle operation. Over time, this thinner material may result in a fatigue failure of the rear axle housing, possibly in the location of the brake flange.

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

A crack in the brake flange location of the rear axle housing may result in a wheel end lockup or wheel separation possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury or death.

ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE

PLEASE contact your local International dealer to schedule an appointment to have your vehicle inspected or repaired. You may locate your nearest International dealer by calling 1-800-44-TRUCK or by visiting:

http://www.nav-international.com

The repair will involve an ultrasonic inspection of your rear axle housings by a third party inspection service to determine their wall thickness.

Please allow up to **3 days** after your initial contact with your International dealer before arrangements can be finalized between the dealer and the third party inspection service regarding your vehicle.

Your dealer will make all necessary arrangements and work with you to determine the best time and place to have your vehicle inspected.

The inspection will determine if the axle housing requires replacement. If this occurs, your dealer will make all

necessary arrangements and work with you to arrange this replacement.

Please note, however, it may take up to **10 days** from the inspection before axle housing replacement arrangements can be finalized.

Dealers will have instructions to arrange for inspection of your vehicle by 5/18/2007.

The inspection will be performed *free of charge* and may take approximately *30 minutes* to complete.

If an axle housing replacement is required, it too will be performed *free of charge* and may take *6 to 8 hours* to complete.

IF YOU DO NOT OWN THIS VEHICLE

Our records indicate you are the owner of the vehicle identified on the enclosed card. If you do not own this vehicle, please fill out the **Authorization for Recall Service** card so you will not be contacted again regarding this recall.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

If you believe that International has failed to perform this repair within a reasonable amount of time, or the existing condition was not remedied without charge, please follow the procedure described in the *Owner Assistance Guide* section in your Owner's Manual or call toll free 1-800-448-7825.

You may also wish to submit a complaint to:

Administrator National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, D.C., 20590

or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hot-Line at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY:1-800-424-9152) or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

LESSOR REQUIREMENTS

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this Recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

We request your prompt attention and patience regarding the correction of this defect and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION