



INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION  
4201 WINFIELD ROAD, WARRENVILLE, IL 60555

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TRUCK GROUP

**SAFETY RECALL 03513**

November 2003

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 related to motor vehicle safety exists in certain **steering columns** of RE (rear engine) and FE (front engine) busses built between 10/28/1993 and 5/21/2003. The vehicle identified on the enclosed card fits this description and our records show that you own this vehicle. Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

**REASON FOR THIS RECALL**

A pinch bolt, located below the steering column, can catch on the rubber steering boot and restrict the driver's ability to turn the steering wheel.

**RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY:**

If the steering shaft's pinch bolt catches on the steering boot, a sudden restriction in steering movement could occur which may cause a **vehicle crash without warning** resulting in **property damage, personal injury, or death**.

**ACTION YOU SHOULD TAKE**

1. **Our records show that you are the owner** of the vehicle identified on the enclosed card. **If you are not the owner**, please read paragraph number 4.
2. **Please contact your local International dealer**, with your recall card in hand, to schedule an appointment to have your vehicle repaired. **All vehicles involved in this recall must be repaired.**

Dealers will have parts and instructions to make the repair by **11/15/2003**. This repair will be performed without charge to you and will take approximately **1.0** hour. Have your dealer verify and correct your address if necessary.

If your local International dealer performs the repair, they will submit a warranty claim; therefore, you **DO NOT** have to mail in the campaign card.

3. **If the vehicle will not or cannot be corrected**, please mark on the enclosed card under "CHECK ONE", the box which best describes why the vehicle will not be repaired, and return the postage-prepaid card to us.
4. **In the event you do not own the vehicle** described on the card, please complete the card, fill in the new customer name and address if known, and return it to us. This information will allow us to update our records so we can contact the new owner and you will not be contacted again regarding this recall.

### **REIMBURSEMENT OF REPAIRS COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF THIS RECALL**

If you paid to repair your vehicle for this defect prior to receiving this recall letter, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the repair costs if they were incurred between 10/31/2002 and 11/31/2003. Contact your local International dealer, with your original repair documentation and proof of payment, and the service advisor will determine what if any of the repair costs will qualify for reimbursement. International dealers determine what repair costs are eligible for reimbursement. However, if you choose not to work through an International dealer, you may submit the enclosed "REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT" form, repair documentation, and proof of payment to:

International Truck and Engine Corporation  
Warranty Claim Center Reimbursement Department  
P.O. Box 888  
Warrenville, IL 60555

### **IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE**

If you take your vehicle to your International dealer on a mutually agreed upon service date, and the dealer does not remedy this condition without charge on that date or within five days, you can obtain assistance by following the procedure described in the Owner Assistance Guide section in your Owner's Manual or by calling toll free 1-800-448-7825.

You may also wish to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hot-Line at 1-888-327-4236 if your International dealer fails to repair or is unable to remedy this condition without charge or within a reasonable time.

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

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