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TRUCK GROUP

## SAFETY RECALL 02506

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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 determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in the rear airbrake system on certain 2000, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 8000, 9000 series built from 12/16/97 through 03/04/02. This is the follow-up letter to the two INTERIM NOTICES that were mailed to you in June and September of 2002. We now have the parts to repair your vehicle. Our records show that you are the owner of the vehicle on the enclosed card. If you are not the owner, we need your help finding the current owner, **please** read paragraph number 4 under "ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE."

### **REASONS FOR THIS RECALL**

#### **DEFECT DESCRIPTION**

The subject fitting connects the double check valve to the brake relay valve. With certain inputs to the vehicle, the weight of the check valve on the fitting can cause the assembly to resonate. The subsequent vibration can cause excessive strain levels in the fitting, which could eventually fatigue and fail.

#### **RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY**

**WARNING** – If the fitting breaks, the rear service brakes will cease to operate without warning, resulting in an extended stopping distance. This situation could cause a vehicular accident, possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury or death.

## **ACTIONS 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 have the recall kit installed to replace the air brake fitting.** This repair will be performed without charge to you and will take approximately 1.25 hours. 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** need 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.

## **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 Administration's 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 urge your prompt attention to the correction of this safety defect and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.**

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