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**TRUCK GROUP**

**SAFETY RECALL 00511**

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Dear International Customer:

This Safety Recall is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. International has determined that 2000, 4000, 5000, 8000 and 9000 model tractors (with code 04092) and built within the following build date ranges, have a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety:

- Springfield Plant: vehicles built from 3/1/98 to 6/16/00
- Chatham Plant: vehicles built from 3/1/98 to 6/27/00
- Escobedo Plant: vehicles built from 3/1/98 to 6/20/00
- Garland Plant: vehicles built from 3/1/98 to 7/11/00.

In September of 2000 International notified customers of this issue and projected part availability for April 2001. Parts are now available and this letter is the official notification for customers to have their Bendix Anti-lock Braking System electronic control unit replaced by their local dealer.

**If you are not the owner**, we need your help finding the current owner; **PLEASE** read paragraph number four under **"ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE."**

**REASON FOR THIS RECALL**

**RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY:** Your vehicle could experience an extended stopping distance without warning when the vehicle is decelerating from 8 to 4 miles per hour. If an extended stopping distance occurs, **your vehicle could be involved in an accident, which could result in property damage, personal injury, or death.**

**DEFECT DESCRIPTION:** This defect involves the Bendix EC-17 1030R electronic control unit (ECU) which controls the Antilock Braking System (ABS). The ECU can misinterpret erratic signals that can be generated by one of two conditions: 1. A chaffed wheel speed sensor wire on a rotating part, or 2. An incorrect gap between a tone ring and a wheel speed sensor. Either of these conditions can cause the air ABS ECU to exhaust the air at the air brake modulators for one or more of the wheels. During the above described conditions, the ABS warning indicator light may not come on to warn the driver of an ABS malfunction.

## **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 four.
- 2. Please contact your local International dealer**, with your recall card in hand, to schedule an appointment to have your Bendix ABS ECU replaced. This repair will be performed without charge to you and will require approximately one hour. Please take your recall card to your scheduled appointment.
- 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. If you no longer 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 as soon as possible** and you will not be contacted again regarding this Safety 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 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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