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SAFETY RECALL 01511

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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 a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in the air pressure actuated brake light switch on 5000 and 9000 model series vehicles built from 7/01/1998 through 5/07/2001. This is not the same as Safety Recall 00506 that you may have received in August of 2000. Safety Recall 00506 was to re-orient the brake light and cruise switches. If you are not the owner, we need your help finding the current owner; **please** help us notify the owner by answering step 4 under "ACTION YOU SHOULD TAKE."

REASONS FOR THIS RECALL

DEFECT DESCRIPTION

In certain operating conditions, the air-pressure actuated brake light switch, which is mounted outside the cab on the front cowl, may not activate during light to normal braking applications and could result in a failure of the brake lights to activate.

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

If the brake lights fail to come on during light to normal brake application, there will be no lights to indicate that the vehicle is decelerating, **which could result in a vehicular accident 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 must have the brake switch replaced. International dealers will not charge you for this repair and your vehicle should be completed in approximately one half an hour.
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 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 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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