



INTERNATIONAL TRUCK AND ENGINE CORPORATION

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TRUCK GROUP

SAFETY RECALL 02515

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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 decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in the front and rear brakes on certain 9100i, 9200i, 9400i and 9900i models built from 7/22/02 through 8/16/02. 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; thus, **please** read paragraph number 4 under "ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE."

REASONS FOR THIS RECALL

DEFECT DESCRIPTION

Multiple bolts are used to hold the brake spiders or brake anchor plates tight to the axles. On the right side of these vehicles, the bolts and nuts were under-torqued at the assembly plant. The low torque may not provide the necessary clamp load on the fasteners to adequately secure the brake spider to the axle wheel end. This defect affects the right side of the vehicle only.

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

WARNING: If the clamp load is not sufficient, the brake spider will move when the brakes are applied in either the forward or reverse direction. Such movement may cause individual brake components to fail or eventually fatigue the brake spider mounting bolts. If all the bolts fail due to fatigue, the result would be complete loss of braking at that wheel end. Reduced braking power could occur without warning and result in an extended stopping distance, which could result in loss of vehicle control, which in turn could cause a vehicular crash or 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 suspect bolts checked for proper torque.** This repair will be performed without charge to you and will take from one to two 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** 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.

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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