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TRUCK GROUP

## **SAFETY RECALL 01513**

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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 air brake system on some 5000*i* models built from 7/17/01 through 8/29/01 at the Garland Assembly Plant. Your vehicle has been identified as one that could have this defect. 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**

A secondary brake line that connects the foot valve with the spring-brake inversion valve system may not have been installed. If there is a failure in the primary system and the secondary brake line has not been installed, only the front brakes would actuate, without rear spring-brake actuation.

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

If the secondary brake line was not installed, upon a failure of the primary air system, a warning light and buzzer will turn on, and only the front brakes will actuate, without rear spring brake actuation. This would result in an extended stopping distance. An extended stopping distance could cause a vehicular accident, possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury or death.

**WARNING – IF THE PRIMARY AIR BRAKE SYSTEM ON YOUR VEHICLE FAILS, THE INVERSION VALVE SYSTEM MAY NOT APPLY THE BRAKES THROUGH THE PARKING BRAKE CHAMBERS AS INTENDED. AN EXTENDED STOPPING DISTANCE COULD BE EXPERIENCED AND CAUSE AN 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 must be inspected and repaired if found to have the defined defect. This repair will be performed without charge to you and will require approximately one hour of time.
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. 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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