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SAFETY RECALL 01510

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Dear International Customer:

This is the **FIRST NOTICE** sent to customers for **Safety Recall 01510** and 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 tie rod ends used on certain **2000, 4000, 5000, 8000 and 9000 model series built from 6/15/1999 through 8/15/2000**. Some customers may have received a notice for Safety Recall 00512 in 2000. If you received Safety Recall 00512 in 2000 and did not have the tie rod ends replaced under Safety Recall 00512 by 8/7/01, the Safety Recall procedure needs to be completed under this new Safety Recall number 01510. Customers that had their vehicles inspected, without tie rod replacement, in Safety Recall 00512, will need to have the tie rod ends replaced for this Safety Recall 01510. If you are not the owner, we need your help finding the current owner; **please** read paragraph number 4 under **"ACTIONS YOU SHOULD TAKE."**

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

DEFECT DESCRIPTION: This defect involves the tie rod ends on your vehicle. Some TRW tie rod ends were produced with less than specified material hardness, which can result in separation of the ball stud from the ball socket, without prior warning.

RISK TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY:

If a tie rod end separates you could lose steering control and **your vehicle could be involved in an accident, which could result 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 on the next page.
2. **Please contact your local International dealer**, with your recall card in hand, to schedule an appointment to have your tie rod ends replaced. 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 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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