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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION  
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-014.002 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **March 15, 1999**

Manufacturer: **Navistar International Transportation Corp.**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. R. L. Van Laar, Compliance Manager**

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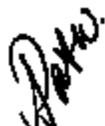
**SUBJECT: 4,024 Navistar 1998-1999 2500, 2600, 4700, 4900, 5000, 8100, 9200, 9300, and 9400 Series medium and heavy duty trucks with 16,000, 18,000, 20,000, or 22,000 lb. rated capacity front steering axle, and manufactured from March 1, through October 16, 1998. The inner wheel bearing cone for the steering axle wheel hub assembly does not properly fit onto the Mack steering axle spindle assembly. Improper fit of the bearing to the spindle increases the stress levels to the steering axle spindle which could cause spindle failure. Navistar Recall No. 99503.**

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

*As noted in the facsimile dated March 15, 1999, from Jon White, the owner notification letter for this campaign meets the requirements of Part 577.*

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin April 5, 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

 Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief  
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Dear Mr. Van Laar:

We have reviewed Navistar International Transportation Corporation's (Navistar) Defect Information Report and subsequent information dated March 15, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 4,024 Navistar 1998 through 1999 Series 2500, 2600, 4700, 4900, 5000, 8100, 9200, 9300, and 9400 medium and heavy duty trucks with 16,000, 18,000, 20,000, or 22,000 lb. rated capacity front steering axle, and manufactured from March 1, through October 16, 1998. The inner wheel bearing cone for the steering axle wheel hub assembly does not properly fit onto the steering axle spindle assembly. Improper fit of the bearing to the spindle increases the stress levels to the steering axle spindle which could cause spindle failure. The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 99V-014.002 (Navistar Recall No. 99503).

Navistar is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

#### Quarterly Status Reports

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#### Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Navistar to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.



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**Manufacturer Communications**

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins) to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), whether or not such defect is safety related. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan D. White, Chief  
Recall Analysis Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Safety Assurance