

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

Assigned Recall No. ⁰⁷¹ 99V-033 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

FEB 17 1999

Part 573 Report Date: February 9, 1999

Manufacturer: Navistar International Transportation Corp.

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. Rick Van Laar, Compliance Manager

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SUBJECT: 44,091 Navistar 1996-1998 1552, 1652, 3400, 3600, 3800, 4700, and 4900 series heavy duty trucks and school/transit buses equipped with a Spicer 6,000 or 8,000 lb. rated capacity front steer axle and manufactured from May 1, 1996 through October 31, 1997. The tie rod end can pull outboard and separate from the tie rod tube due to improper thread engagement between the male tie rod end and the female tube. Separation of the tie rod end could result in loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash. Navistar Recall No. 99501.

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.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter faxed to us on February 17, 1999, and it 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 12, 1999.** Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

Pat W. 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 dated February 9, and subsequent information dated February 17, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 44,091 Navistar 1996 through 1998 1552, 1652, 3400, 3600, 3800, 4700, and 4900 series heavy duty trucks and school/transit buses equipped with a Spicer 6,000 or 8,000 lb. rated capacity front steer axle and manufactured from May 1, 1996 through October 31, 1997. The tie rod end can pull outboard and separate from the tie rod tube due to improper thread engagement between the male tie rod end and the female tube. Separation of the tie rod end could result in loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash. The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 99V-033.001 (Navistar Recall No. 99501).

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

Sincerely,

/s/
Jonathan D. White, Chief
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Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance