



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215MR  
14V-702

**Subject:** Suspension Pivot Bolt Failure

Dear JOHN GABRIEL:

This letter serves to acknowledge Wabash National Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

WABASH NATIONAL/VAN/2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 30, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-702

**Components:**

SUSPENSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 4

**Problem Description:**

Wabash National Corporation (Wabash) is recalling certain model year 2013 Van trailers manufactured November 22, 2013, to December 9, 2013, equipped with certain 2013 Pivot Bolts Part Number 93201070 manufactured by SAF-Holland. The affected pivot bolts are susceptible to cracking.

**Consequence:**

In the event that both sides of the pivot connection crack, it could cause a separation of the axle/suspension assembly from the trailer, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

**Remedy:**

Wabash will notify owners, and dealers will replace the pivot bolts with new pivot bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early December 2014. Owners may contact Wabash at 1-888-396-6501.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

The information in your report suggests that Wabash may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement