



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

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Mr. Ryan King
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Wabash National Corporation
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NVS-215MR
15V-791

Subject: Brake Caliper Bolts may be Loose

Dear Mr. King:

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/2013-2015

Mfr's Report Date: November 20, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-791

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC:CALIPER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 91

Problem Description:

Wabash National Corporation (Wabash) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 Van Trailers manufactured December 9, 2013, to August 25, 2015, and equipped with certain Meritor EX225L2, EX225L+, and Bendix ADB22X axles. The affected axle assemblies have brake caliper mounting bolts that may not have been properly tightened, allowing the caliper mounting bolts to back out and the caliper to detach from the axle flange.

Consequence:

If the caliper detaches from the axle flange, braking performance would be reduced, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Wabash will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the caliper bolts, tightening them as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 15, 2016. Owners may contact Wabash customer service at 1-765-771-5404.

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.

We have received Wabash's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement