



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

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Washington, DC 20590

September 22, 2016

Mr. Ryan King  
Director Engineering Services  
Wabash National Corporation  
1000 Sagamore Parkway S  
Lafayette, IN 47905

NEF-150MR  
16V-659

**Subject:** Frame Cracks Causing Counterbalance Leg Detachment

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/DOLLY TRAILER/2015-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 9, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-659

**Components:**

STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,466

**Problem Description:**

Wabash National Corporation (Wabash) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Con-Gear Converter Dolly Trailers manufactured March 31, 2014, to August 6, 2015. In the affected trailers, the frame may crack on the counterbalance leg weld seam or the top plate.

**Consequence:**

The cracks may progress and result in the counterbalance leg detaching while the trailer is being used, possibly causing the counterbalance leg to be a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Wabash will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the dolly for cracks, and add welds and weld plugs on the inboard side of the counterbalance legs. If welding will not resolve the issue than the dolly frame will be replaced. These repairs will be performed free of charge. The recall is expected to begin around September 26, 2016. Owners may contact Wabash customer service at 1-765-771-5404. Wabash's number for this recall is LEG201603.

**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).

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement