

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-659

Manufacturer Name : Wabash National Corporation**Submission Date :** SEP 09, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-659**Manufacturer Recall No. :** LEG201603**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Wabash National Corporation

Address : PO Box 6129
1000 Sagamore Parkway South
Lafayette IN 47903-6129

Company phone : 999

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 2,466

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2015-2016 Wabash Dolly

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : UNKNOWN

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Converter Dolly (Con-Gear)

Production Dates : MAR 31, 2014 - AUG 06, 2015

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 1JJD061X5FL898739 End : 1JJD081X9GL955181 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The frame of certain converter dollies may develop small cracks which may increase in size over an extended period of time. If cracks develop on the counterbalance leg weld seam or top plate and the condition is not addressed, the potential exists for the dolly counterbalance leg to detach. The performance of the counterbalance does not impact the connection of the dolly to the trailer.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the dolly counterbalance leg becomes detached while the trailer is in motion, there is an increased risk of an accident or injury. Wabash National is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.

Description of the Cause : Cracks may develop due to fatigue over an extended period of time and from continuous stress on the weld seam. The rate at which cracks may propagate varies and is influenced by customer use.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Upon inspection, vertical cracks may be visible on the dolly frame, including the site of the weld seam that attaches the counterbalance assembly to the dolly frame or on the counterbalance top plate.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

Please see Chronology of Defect document uploaded to the portal as it exceeded the characters allowed for this field.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Customers will be instructed to visually inspect all dolly units for the presence of cracks through a special inspection as well as during each pre-trip inspection. If cracks are found in the top plate, the unit is to be immediately removed from service. If cracks are found in the weld connecting the counterbalance assembly to the dolly main frame, the dolly will be taken out of service so that it can receive a temporary repair before the final repair can be made. The remedy involves a series of internal welding along with the addition of a plug weld for stability on the inboard side of both counterbalance legs or the replacement of the dolly frame. Wabash will remedy all dolly frames, whether or not they ever exhibit a visible crack.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	This design included a series of internal welds along with the addition of a plug weld for stability on the inboard side of both counterbalance legs.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	Wabash did not produce the sloped dolly design from September 2015 thru July 2016. Wabash released a new version of the sloped dolly design beginning with its production in July 2016. This design included a series of internal welds along with the addition of a plug weld for stability on the inboard side of both counterbalance legs.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : The notification dates are an estimate based on receiving a recall identification number and notification letter approval from the agency
Planned Dealer Notification Date : SEP 26, 2016 - SEP 30, 2016
Planned Owner Notification Date : SEP 26, 2016 - SEP 30, 2016

* NR - Not Reported