



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Bob Allen
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Wabash National Corporation
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NEF-150MR
17V-603

Subject: Counter Weight Tube May Detach

Dear Mr. Allen:

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/CONVERTER DOLLY/2012-2013

Mfr's Report Date: September 27, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-603

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 73

Problem Description:

Wabash National Corporation (Wabash) is recalling certain 2012-2013 converter dolly trailers. The affected trailers have fasteners connecting the counter weight tube to the body that may wear and/or loosen over time allowing the detachment of the counterweight tube from the converter dolly body while in motion.

Consequence:

Detachment of the counter weight while the dolly is in motion can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Wabash will notify owners, and dealers will weld the counter weight permanently to the structure, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 20, 2017. 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.

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).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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