



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Mike Jones
Wabash National Corporation
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NEF-107MR
22V-758

Subject: Missing Conspicuity Tape/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Jones:

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/RFALHSA/2020-2023

Mfr's Report Date: October 10, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-758

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 740

Problem Description:

Wabash National Corporation (Wabash) is recalling certain 2020-2023 RFALHSA trailers. The lift gate obscures the rear conspicuity tape placed at deck height. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

Obscured conspicuity tape may reduce visibility of the rear of the trailer for nearby drivers and increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Wabash will supply conspicuity tape, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on November 28, 2022. Owners may contact Wabash's 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.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section. Please list the conspicuity tape and any applicable part numbers in this section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Wabash National Corporation's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement