

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 22V-758

**Manufacturer Name :** Wabash National Corporation**Submission Date :** OCT 10, 2022**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22V-758**Manufacturer Recall No. :** TBD**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 : 740

Estimated percentage with defect : 30 %

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2020-2023 Wabash RFALHSA

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : VAN

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** We used sales order data to determine how many trailers we have built for this customer that were prepped for a future third-party lift gate installation. Trailers that were not prepped for future lift gate installation were not included in this data.

Production Dates : JUN 05, 2019 - AUG 25, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 1JJV532B8LL219872 End : 1JJV532B0PL412667  Not sequential**Description of Noncompliance :**

**Description of the Noncompliance :** A third-party installer hired by the motor carrier customer installed lift gates on the back of Wabash trailers that obscured the Wabash-installed rear conspicuity tape placed at deck height per FMVSS 108.

FMVSS 1 : 108 - Lamps, reflective devices, and assoc. Equipment

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** The rear deck height is not identified as required in S8.2.3 of FMVSS 108; limited visibility of the rear of a trailer to nearby drivers could increase the risk of a crash. Wabash is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.

**Description of the Cause :** The lift gate manufacture inadvertently omitted the conspicuity tape they standardly install during manufacturing of the lift gate.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** Other than a walk around visual inspection, there is no indication to this condition during normal trailer operation.

**Involved Components :**

Component Name 1 : Unknown, the component was not installed by Wabash

Component Description : Unknown, the component was not installed by Wabash

Component Part Number : Unknown, the component was not installed by Wabash

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Waltco Lift Corp

Address : 1777 Miller Parkway  
Streetsboro Ohio 44241

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

8/23/22 – Customer reported that certain Wabash trailers with Waltco lift gates installed prior final manufacturing of the trailers by Wabash may not meet FMVSS 108 due to missing conspicuity tape at rear deck height. Wabash began an investigation and identified that the lift gates obscured the Wabash-installed conspicuity tape at the lower rear edge of the affected trailers.

8/24/22 – After research, it was discovered Wabash did not install the lift gates on these trailers, so Wabash contacted the third-party installer hired by the customer. To remedy units in production, Wabash instructed the installer to start installing rear deck height conspicuity tape on the lift gates to meet FMVSS 108, and Wabash installed conspicuity tape on the supplier-installed lift gates on units that remained in Wabash's control.

8/25/22 – A Quality Concern Report was issued to create Product Safety Team (PST) awareness.

8/30/22 – At PST meeting, voted to escalate to the Product Safety Committee (PSC).

10/3/22 – After continued discussions with engineering, legal, and the supplier (Waltco), the PSC voted to conduct a voluntary recall for an FMVSS 108 noncompliance.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Wabash will supply FMVSS 108-compliant conspicuity tape at no charge to the single customer affected by this noncompliance and will include installation instructions to ensure the conspicuity tape is installed at rear deck height as required by FMVSS 108. Wabash will reimburse the customer for any costs already incurred to remedy this noncompliance, consistent with Wabash's recall reimbursement policy.

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** A visual inspection is required to see if the conspicuity is present in the required location.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** Once Wabash had knowledge that our factory installed rear facing conspicuity had been obscured by a third-party installer, we informed both the installer and the manufacture of the lift gates (Waltco) on 8/24/2022 to active install the required conspicuity going forward.

**Recall Schedule :**

**Description of Recall Schedule :** Communication and notification letters will be sent to the dealer and customer.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** NOV 28, 2022 - NOV 28, 2022

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** NOV 28, 2022 - NOV 28, 2022

\* NR - Not Reported