

Subject: RIG Set-Back Extension

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Re.: RIG Set-Back Inspection and Correction. Type: Safety

Priority: Earliest Opportunity

Units Affected: Please see VIN # listing.

Background:

Wabash has decided that on certain 2009 thru 2024 model year Wabash Van Trailers equipped with rail style lift gates, the location of the rear impact guard may not have incorporated the full depth of all rail lift gate models if so equipped. These models may not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard # 224, "Rear Impact Protection."

Description of Defect:

Suspect trailers should first be inspected to determine if the unit complies with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard # 224, "Rear Impact Protection." The following Safety Bulletin describes the inspection process and the remedy procedure when needed.

Materials:

ItemPart NumberQtyBumper Extension Galvanized / (Stainless)05012522-01AFT (-02AFT)1

or

Bumper Extension, for V-Brace legs Galvanized / (Stainless) 05012540-01AFT (-02AFT)

Fasteners

Conspicuity Tape

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Included with above
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Tools:

Drill Impact Wrench
9/32" drill bit Torx Bit
1/2"- 13 TAP C Clamps
Acetone Shop Rags

A CAUTION!

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment [PPE] like gloves, safety glasses and hard hat for example, when carrying out the following procedure.
- Should welding or cutting be needed, do so in a well ventilated area and wear appropriate head/face/eye protection, welding gloves and clothing.
- Refer to adhesive and chemical manufacturer's MSDS for safe use and handling instructions if applicable.
- Follow your company's safety procedures in addition to these recommendations.
- Follow industry standards for installation and tightening of all fasteners where torque values are not called out

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Procedure: (Inspection)

First, take a straight edge and hold it vertically against the rear most surface of the lift gate post, excluding the dock bumper. Measure the distance from the rear face of the bumper tube to the straight edge. For measurements of 12" or less, no action is required. The unit can be put back into service.



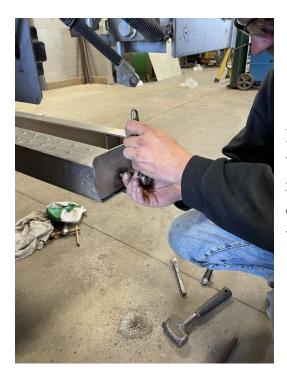


Figure 1 Figure 2

If the measurement taken is over 12 inches as shown in Fig 2, then the unit is non-compliant and needs a bumper extension installed as described in the following pages.

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Procedure: (Remedy)



If the existing bumper tube has end caps installed that are galvanized or the factory installed nut has rusted, start by running a ½-13 tap along with some oil in and out of the hole to clear and clean the threads.





Hold each end of the bumper extension and hand start the supplied ½" bolt, washer and lock washer on each end.

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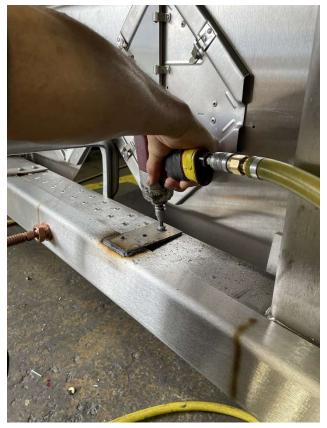
Use a C clamp to secure the bumper extension tightly against the bumper tube face.



Tighten the 1/2" bolt, washer and lock washer on each end of the assembly. If there is a gap between the extension and bumper tube, use another C Clamp to draw the two together before tightening the bolt.



Using a 9/32" drill bit, transfer drill the four holes in the center mounting tabs into the top of the bumper tube.



Install the four 5/16" self-tapping bolts and washers with an impact.

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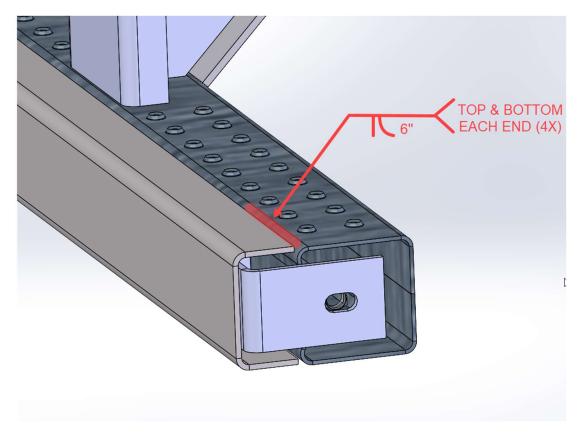
Clean the rear surface of the bumper extension with Acetone and a clean rag. Let dry and installed the supplied conspicuity tape to the rear face of the bumper extension.



Its easier to start with two people. Once the bumper extension is hung on the bumper, one person can easily finish the installation. The whole process takes approximately 20 minutes.

Special Notes / Instructions

Some Stainless-Steel bumper assemblies may not have an end cap installed on the bumper tube. In this case, welding the ends of the extension to the bumper tube is an acceptable mounting solution.



It is preferred that 209 solid weld wire or stick electrode be used when welding the bumper extension to the bumper tube. Use a C Clamp to eliminate any gap between the extension and tube if necessary and place a six-inch weld top and bottom on both left and right ends where the bumper extension meets the bumper tube as shown above.

SRT for this repair is .75 hour.

