



U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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25V625

John Gabriel
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Subject: Insufficient Rear Impact Protection/FMVSS 224

Dear John Gabriel:

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/VAN/2026

Mfr's Report Date: September 19, 2025

NHTSA Campaign Number: 25V625

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Problem Description:

Wabash National Corporation (Wabash) is recalling certain 2026 DVCVHPC van trailers. The incorrect rear impact guard may have been installed. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 224, "Rear Impact Protection."

Consequence:

The incorrect guard may not sufficiently protect a following vehicle during a rear end crash, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Wabash replaced the rear impact guards, free of charge. All affected trailers were repaired by August 18, 2025. 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 1-888-275-9171), or go to www.nhtsa.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).

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Wabash National Corporation's contact for this recall will be Hensly Guerra who may be reached by email at hensly.guerra1@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

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