



U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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25V774

John Gabriel
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Subject: Insufficient Rear Impact Protection/FMVSS 223

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/STEPDECK/2025-2026

Mfr's Report Date: November 11, 2025

NHTSA Campaign Number: 25V774

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 158

Problem Description:

Wabash National Corporation (Wabash) is recalling certain 2025-2026 Stepdeck 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 numbers 223, "Rear Impact Guards."

Consequence:

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

Remedy:

Wabash will replace the rear impact guards, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 5, 2026. 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:

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 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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