



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 25V762

**Manufacturer Name:** Wabash National Corporation

**Submission Date:** Dec 01, 2025

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 25V762

**Manufacturer Recall No.:**

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

**Manufacturer Name:** Wabash National Corporation  
**Address:** PO Box 6129  
1000 Sagamore Parkway  
South  
Lafayette IN, 47903-6129

**Total number of potentially involved:** 295  
**Estimated percentage with defect:** 100%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2025-2026 WABASH STEPDECK

**Product Category:** Trailers

**Product Type:**

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Jul 01, 2024 - Aug 28, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 295

**Descriptive Information:**

The recalled population includes certain trailers equipped with a rear impact guard with a 66" horizontal member.

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

**Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

The Rear Impact Guards on the recalled population are equipped with 66" horizontal members that do not conform to certain requirements of FMVSS 223 and 224.

**FMVSS1:** 223 - Rear impact guards

**FMVSS2:** 224 - Rear impact protection

**Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

Trailers equipped with a rear impact guard that does not meet the performance requirements of FMVSS

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223 and FMVSS 224 may increase the risk of injury in the event of a rear impact.

Wabash is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.

## Description of the cause:

## Identification of any warning that can occur:

Inspection of the trailer during routine inspections required of motor carriers may identify the noncompliant rear impact guard.

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:**

**Supplier Type:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Country:**

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Bumper tube

**Component Description:** Horizontal Member

**Component Part Number:** 4800-0124-066

## Chronology

May 2025 to September 2025: Wabash's compliance teams conducted a compliance review of drop deck trailers that had been classified as Special purpose vehicles or Low Chassis vehicles under FMVSS 224, S4. Wabash reviewed trailer designs and rear impact guards installed and conducted a regulatory analysis that included a review of NHTSA interpretations and rulemaking information to evaluate different populations of trailers.

9/19/25 - A concern was entered into the system to bring awareness to the Product Safety Team (PST) of a potential Rear Impact Guard non-compliance in certain trailer populations.

9/23/25 - The PST reviewed the compliance investigation and, based on concerns of a potential noncompliance with the dimensional requirements, the PST voted to escalate the issue to the Product Safety Committee (PSC).

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10/6/25 - PSC met and determined that these trailers may not comply with FMVSS 224 and voted to submit a noncompliance report.

10/14/25 – Wabash submitted a noncompliance report that included this subject population. The report indicated that Wabash was evaluating the potential safety impact of the noncompliant design and anticipated submitting a petition under 49 CFR Part 556, on the ground that the noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

10/15/25 – 11/3/25 – Wabash conducted testing to evaluate the performance of the rear impact guards. Following this testing, Wabash decided not to pursue inconsequentiality on this population of trailers and to proceed with a noncompliance recall of the subject trailer population.

**Related NHTSA Recall Number:**

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Repair

**Consumer Advisories:**  Do Not Drive  Park Outside

**Description of remedy program:**

Wabash will replace subject rear impact guards with guards that comply with the requirements of FMVSS 223 and 224.

**How remedy component differs from recalled component:**

Remedy components will comply with the dimensional requirements of FMVSS 224 and the performance requirements of FMVSS 223.

**Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:**

Wabash stopped shipping trailers with the steel guard on August 28, 2025. The new guard design with the compliant horizontal member is being validated.

## Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

## Recall Schedule

**Description of recall schedule:**

Wabash estimates notice to dealers and owners with the following schedule.

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****25V762****Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Dec 04, 2025 - Dec 04, 2025 No Dealers**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** No Owners**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Dec 04, 2025 - Jan 15, 2026 Phased Recall**Date when VIN will be searchable:**