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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26E026

Manufacturer Name: Waymo LLC

Submission Date: May 06, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26E026

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Waymo LLC

Address: 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway
Mountain View CA, 94043

Total number of potentially involved: 3,791

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Equipment Information

Brand / Trade 1: Waymo LLC

Model: 5th and 6th gen ADS

Part Number:

Type: Original

Function:

Size:

Production Dates: Mar 17, 2022 - Apr 20, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 3,791

Descriptive Information:

The equipment recalled is the 5th and 6th Generation Automated Driving System (ADS) prior to operational changes made on April 20, 2026. The recalled products differ from products not included in the recall in that the recalled products are part of the ADS with which vehicles capable of driverless operation are equipped, while the products not recalled are not used in vehicles capable of driverless operation. Waymo determined the scope of the affected population using information about the driverless capabilities of each vehicle and information about the software on each vehicle. This information is available to Waymo, as Waymo owns all potentially affected vehicles. The affected population all have received the interim remedy.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

On higher speed roadways, the Waymo AV may slow but not stop in response to detecting a potentially untraversable flooded lane.

FMVSS1:

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26E026**FMVSS2:****Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

Entering an untraversable flooded roadway can result in loss of vehicle control.

Description of the cause:**Identification of any warning that can occur:**

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:**Supplier Type:****Name:****Address:****Country:**

Involved Components

Component Name 1: 5th and 6th Generation ADS**Component Description:** 5th and 6th Generation Automated Driving System (ADS) prior to operational changes made on April 20, 2026.**Component Part Number:**

Purchaser Information

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name:**Address:****Country:**

Chronology

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- On 4/20/2026 an unoccupied Waymo AV encountered an untraversable flooded section of a roadway that has a 40 mph speed limit. The Waymo AV detected potentially untraversable flood water and proceeded at reduced speed.
- On 4/20/2026, following the event described above, Waymo implemented additional operational restrictions at times and in locations where there is an elevated risk of encountering a flooded, higher-speed roadway.
- On 4/24/2026 Waymo's Safety Board reviewed information about this issue and decided to conduct a recall.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type:

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Beginning on 4/20/2026, Waymo modified the approved scope of operation of the Waymo ADS to exclude additional operating conditions that present an elevated risk of encountering a flooded, higher-speed roadway. These scope constraints were implemented via weather-related operational controls and changes to the maps used by Waymo vehicles. Waymo is developing the final remedy for this recall.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The interim remedy modified the approved scope of operation of the Waymo ADS to exclude additional operating conditions that present an elevated risk of encountering a flooded, higher-speed roadway.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Production ADS-equipped vehicles operate using the latest scope of operation.

Reimbursement Plan

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Waymo owns all of the affected vehicles and applied the interim remedy to all affected vehicles on

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4/20/2026. Accordingly, there is no need for notifications to owners, dealers or distributors under 49 CFR Part 577.

Planned Dealer Notification Date:

No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:

Phased Recall