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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26E041

Manufacturer Name: WARN Industries, Inc.

Submission Date: Jul 02, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26E041

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: WARN Industries, Inc.

Address: 12900 SE Capps Road
Clackamas OR, 97015

Total number of potentially involved: 8,574

Estimated percentage with defect: 4.4%

Equipment Information

Brand / Trade 1: WARN

Model: WIRELESS REMOTE KIT

Part Number: 90287

Type: Both

Function: WINCH CONTROL

Size:

Production Dates: Dec 16, 2023 - Jun 30, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 8,574

Descriptive Information:

Warn Industries, Inc. has determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists in certain **wireless remote-control kits** sold as accessories for WARN® truck and utility winches.

Specifically, a limited number of wireless receiver modules may be **incompatible with certain legacy winches equipped with individual solenoid-type control packs**.

This condition may result in:

- Damage to the wireless receiver
- Failure of the winch to stop when commanded

This could increase the risk of **unexpected winch operations**, potentially resulting in property damage or personal injury.

Recall population: all remote kits sold between week 50, 2023 and week 26, 2026. Assuming new remote kits (from past 2.5 years) are evenly distributed among winches sold in the past 10 years: Percentage of population affected estimated by percent of (solenoid controlled winches sold in the US between 1/1/2016 and 6/1/2026) / (total winches eligible for use with the kit sold in the US between 1/1/2016 and 6/1/2026).

Note: if new remotes (past 2.5 years) were only used with new winches (same 2.5 year period), population would be only 0.08% as production of solenoid controlled winches has gone to zero in early 2025. We do know that wireless remote kits are often used new winches but sometimes used with older winches, so actual population is likely between 0.08 and 4.4%

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

wireless receiver modules may be incompatible with certain legacy winches equipped with individual solenoid-type control packs.

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FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

This could increase the risk of unexpected winch operations, potentially resulting in property damage or personal injury.

Description of the cause:

Thermally induced electrical fault when used with some older winches requiring higher current to actuate.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

None.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name: Warn Industries, Inc.

Address: 12900 Southeast Capps Road
Clackamas OR, 97015

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1:

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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

18 May 2026: Customer service received a complaint (CSR2026-245) that the replacement wireless remote kit exhibited run-on condition. Customer had previously returned the same PN kit on 13 April 2026 for same defect (RMA 28064). Because this was a repeat occurrence WARN initiated an investigation. Product return requested under RMA 28136 for evaluation by engineering.

CSR and RMA databases were searched for similar complaints. Two similar complaints in CSRs, on 6 Feb. 2024 and 5 May 2026

19 May 2026, 4th reported complaint.

2 June 2026: Stop ship order given to distribution for all wireless remote kits while investigation proceeded.

4 June through 23 June: Engineering study to understand cause led to study of interaction between wireless remote and legacy winch models. In parallel, legacy winch construction and field winch population study to consider population that could be subject to condition.

10 June 2026: RMA 28136 arrives for evaluation, power feed FET found to be internally damaged and mounting solder melted.

4 June through 23 June: Engineering study to understand wireless remote sensitivity to legacy winch models. In parallel, legacy winch construction and field winch population study to understand exposure.

24 June 2026: decision to issue recall of wireless remote kits purchased with intended use on certain legacy winches.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Mail Information/Labels, Reimburse, Replace

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Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Warn will notify customers with instructions to:

1. Stop using the wireless remote function immediately if compatibility is uncertain.
 2. Use a wired remote if available.
 3. Visit www.warn.com/remote-recall-info-customers to verify compatibility and register your product.
- The incompatibility of wireless remote kits with older legacy winches and associated risk will be communicated with specific model and serial number ranges identified.

Remedy:

- Re-label product that is not yet sold.
- Replace wireless remote with a compatible wired remote model.
- Reimburse customers who purchased wireless remote for an incompatible winch.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Packaging labeled (being designed) to identify specific winch model compatibility of wireless remote kits.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

New packaging is being designed. Implementation date TBD.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

2 June 2026: Stop ship order given to distribution for all wireless remote kits.

2 July 2026: file recall with NHTSA

XX July 2026: Launch informative web page.

15 July 2026: Warn to notify direct customers and dealers via email.

15 July 2026: Warn to notify consumers through websites, dealers' websites, active WARN social media sites.

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**26E041****Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Jul 15, 2026☐ No Dealers**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**☐ No Owners**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Jul 15, 2026☐ Phased Recall