



U.S. Department  
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National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 26E041

**Manufacturer Name:** WARN Industries, Inc.

**Submission Date:** Jul 16, 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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- Failure of the winch to stop when commanded

**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](http://www.warn.com/remote-recall-info-customers) to verify compatibility.

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:

- WARN Industries will provide a refund for part numbers 90287 and 109546 to customers who purchased these remote-control products for use with a winch identified on WARN's Non-Compatibility List.

- To participate in the refund program, customers will receive a prepaid UPS return shipping label to return the remote-control kit or receiver to WARN Industries at no cost.

- Upon receipt and verification of the returned product, WARN Industries will issue a refund check to the customer for the retail value of the remote-control kit or receiver service part purchased.

## How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Packaging labeled 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

15 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

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sites.

**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