U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report 26V007

Manufacturer Name: East Trailers LLC
Submission Date: Apr 02, 2026
NHTSA Recall No.: 26V007
Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Manufacturer Name: East Trailers LLC
Address: 1871 State Route #44
P.O. BOX 277
Randolph OH, 44265

Population

Total number of potentially involved: 769
Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2024-2026 East-Trailer BST & BSTII
Product Category: Trailers
Product Type: Flatbed Trailer
Fuel / Propulsion:
Production Dates: Dec 13, 2024 - Dec 26, 2025
Number of potentially involved: 769
Descriptive Information:
Notification was made to us by NHTSA that our underride guard failed the compliance testing. The included list is a complete list of all units manufactured with the affected underride guard where as we change the process of hand-welding to robot welding the lower bumper horizontal.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

S5.2.2(a)(1) Guard Energy Absorption
The rear impact guard's load path did not remain intact during the uniform distributed load test.
S5.5 Installation Instructions
The rear impact guard's installation instructions were not provided to the test lab.

FMVSS1: 223 - Rear impact guards

FMVSS2: 224 - Rear impact protection

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

Bumper horizontal may come dislodged causing load path to be eliminated due to impact. This would

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cause failure of the rear guard, increasing the risk of injury during a crash.

Description of the cause:

Improper weld penetration at the bumper horizontal to the bumper verticals.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Cracking can develop at the welds of the lower bumper horizontal.

Component Manufacturer

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

Involved Components

Component Name 1: HEAVY BUMPER HORIZONTAL
Component Description:
Component Part Number: 120-10134-00

Chronology

- **November 1, 2024** - Start of under ride guards being robotically welded.
- **March 2025** - Program updated for robotic weld cell.
- **July 14, 2025** - Customer reports bumper horizonal became dislodged.
- **October 21, 2025** – NHTSA notified East of failed test.

Reference: **REPORT NUMBER 223-2401438-TEST**

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

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Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Re-weld Joint between vertical and horizontal member of under ride guard.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Restores structural integrity of under ride guard load path.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Modifications were made to the robotic weld cell to provide the proper weld coverage and penetration. Inspection department was also notified to inspect the welds.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:
All trailers that were repaired prior to this notification will be reimbursed.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:
Fully reimbursed.

Address for reimbursement claims:
1871 OH-44
Randolph OH, 44265

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealer letters and Owner letters will be mailed out by March 14, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Mar 14, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Mar 14, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: