



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V465

Manufacturer Name: Great Dane Trailers

Submission Date: Jul 17, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V465

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Great Dane Trailers

Address: 602 E Lathrop Avenue
Savannah GA, 31415

Total number of potentially involved: 11

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2027-2027 GREAT DANE CHAMPION

Product Category: Trailers

Product Type: Van Trailers

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Feb 04, 2026 - Feb 17, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 11

Descriptive Information:

Great Dane has determined that a noncompliance defect exists on a number of 2027 Champion model dry van trailer built in our Danville PA manufacturing facility. Great Dane did not install rear impact guard extension channels to rear impact guard horizontals once rail type liftgates were installed in the factory. This caused the rear face of the rear impact guard horizontal member to be more than 12 inches forward of the rearmost extremity of the trailer. Trailers built before and after this group were equipped with a rear impact guard extension channel that brings the rear face of the rear impact guard within the 12 inch requirement.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

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FMVSS1: 224 - Rear impact protection

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FMVSS2:

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

In the event of a rear under-ride collision a noncompliant rear impact guard may increase like likelihood of injury or death.

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: rear impact guard extension channel

Component Description: rear impact guard extension channel

Component Part Number: 41701717G22

Chronology

July 9, 2026, Great Dane Manufacturing notified Great Dane Warranty and Engineering that they believed they had built some quantity of trailers that did not include the required rear impact guard extension channels.

July 13, 2026, Great Dane Engineering confirms that one order of 11, trailers had been built and delivered without the required rear impact guard extension channels

July 15, 2026, The affected customer was contacted directly and informed of the noncompliant condition and the need for the trailers to be repaired.

July 17, 2026, Great Dane files the initial notice of defect with the NHTSA

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Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Great Dane will direct the local repair facility to add the required rear impact guard extension channels. This will be covered under Great Dane's standard warranty.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedy installs the omitted extension channels.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

All other trailers with factory installed liftgates that required extension channels on their rear impact guards were identified and corrected prior to leaving the manufacturing facility.

Reimbursement Plan

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

All notifications will take place prior to September 15, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Sep 15, 2026 - Sep 15, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Sep 15, 2026 - Sep 15, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: