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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V568

Manufacturer Name: Marathon Industries Inc.

Submission Date: Sep 03, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V568

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Marathon Industries Inc.

Address: 20950 Centre Pointe Pkwy
Santa Clara CA, 91350

Total number of potentially involved: 1

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 FORD F-650 SD

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Truck

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Apr 15, 2025 - May 15, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 1

Descriptive Information:

Marathon Industries, Inc was notified that Hiab has an open Part 573 Safety Recall, 26E029 effecting MDV liftgates. Marathon Industries, Inc. searched its records and found that it installed one of the potentially effected liftgates during the campaign period (4/1/24-3/16/24) Serial #873314.

The subject liftgate is a heavy-duty folded platform, designed as original equipment for box trucks. This recall includes all MDV Series configurations, Model Nos. MDV-30, MDV-40, and MDVBG-45. The affected population is approximately 168 units.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The hydraulic cylinders for the subject liftgates could operate asymmetrically and the platform could move in an uneven fashion. Such uneven movement places excess stress on the platform deck pins, which may lead to the pins fracturing and, in some cases, the pins breaking.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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26V568**Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

If one or both deck pins break while the liftgate is loaded, the platform could collapse, increasing the risk of injury to an operator on or near the liftgate.

Description of the cause:

When installing the lifts, the installing manufacturer must properly bleed the hydraulic system to remove air from the system. Improperly bled hydraulic systems could lead to cylinders operating asymmetrically, increasing the risk of cracking in the deck pin.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Hydraulic cylinders may visibly operate asymmetrically, the platform may appear uneven, the lift may have trouble automatically opening or closing, or the deck pin may have a history of seizing in the platform bushings.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Hiab USA Inc.

Address: 12233 Williams Road
Perrysburg OH, 43551

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Liftgate

Component Description: Waltco 3000 lbs MDV Liftgate

Component Part Number: Serial #873314

Chronology

20-APR-2026: Report of a field failure that Hiab reviewed and began investigating the potential cause. 28-APR-2026: Hiab received a report of a second field failure. The issue was escalated for further investigation. 28-APR-2026 through 5-May-2026: The investigation observed broken deck pins in the field failures. Hiab reviewed warranty claims involving deck pins and inspected additional units in the field. Based on the investigation's review, Hiab found evidence of liftgates with hydraulic cylinders that appeared to operate asymmetrically, as well as evidence of hydraulic systems that had not been properly bled, which likely contributed to deck pin failures. 5-May-2026: The issue was elevated to

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Hiab's liftgate leadership. Based on the investigation, Hiab USA decided to conduct a safety recall for the subject liftgates. There have been no reports of injury related to this condition.

Related NHTSA Recall Number: 26E029

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Hiab USA will work with respective vehicle manufacturers to identify affected vehicle owners. Affected liftgates will be repaired by replacing the subject deck pins with a new deck pin and platform bushings and hydraulic systems will be inspected for proper operation.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The subject deck pins are installed with a boss-bolt design. Remedy deck pins will use a different pin and are installed with a bolt-clamp design.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Hiab USA stopped production on April 20, 2026. Production of MDV-series liftgates will resume with updated deck pins that will be attached using a bolt-clamp design.

Reimbursement Plan

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

No dealers associated with this recall.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: ☒ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Aug 20, 2026 - Oct 19, 2026 ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: ☐ Phased Recall

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Date when VIN will be searchable: