



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Jeremy Kuntz
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NEF-150MR
17V-832

Subject: Vertical Leg Support Missing Weld

Dear Mr. Kuntz:

This letter serves to acknowledge Wabash National Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

WABASH NATIONAL/TRUCK BODY/2018

Mfr's Report Date: December 20, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-832

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 58

Problem Description:

Wabash National Corporation (Wabash) is recalling certain 2018 Wabash National Truck Body vehicles. The affected vehicles may be missing a weld on the vertical leg support.

Consequence:

In the event of a rear-end collision, the occupants have an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

Wabash will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the vertical leg support, welding it as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 13, 2018. Owners may contact Wabash customer service at 1-765-771-5300. Wabash's number for this recall is B18001.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:


You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement