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Investigation Report on WMATA 7000-Series Railcars Derailment

A final report on its investigation into the October 12, 2021, derailment of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) railcars was announced by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) on January 4, 2024, which concluded that the Kawasaki Rail Cars had met the design and mounting specifications established by WMATA for the 7000-series wheelsets. Also the report stated that if a trend analysis on the wheel migration had been conducted by WMATA, they would have identified the increasing incidence, and an effective response could have been taken to prevent the incident.

For more information, please see NTSB's report at
<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Reports/RIR2315.pdf>

With regards to this issue, WMATA is suggesting an increase of the wheel-mounting force of the wheelsets of the 7000-series railcars at its own responsibility, which we already responded to WMATA that Kawasaki Rail Cars is not in a position to bear costs for such rework.

We supplement that there is no impact on the business performance at this point relevant to this issue.