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### **Jeep Wrangler modifications solve crash-test tipping issue**

ARLINGTON, Va. — The 2026 Jeep Wrangler 4-door remained upright during the driver-side small overlap crash test, resolving a longstanding issue with the popular SUV. The improved result came after changes were made to the frame rail.

In **earlier tests**, the Wrangler tipped onto its passenger side after striking the barrier, resulting in a marginal rating. The issue was first identified in a test of the 2019 model and happened again with the 2022 model despite an earlier round of modifications.

Thanks to the latest changes, Wranglers built after October 2025 earn an acceptable small overlap rating, which combines results from the driver-side and passenger-side tests. While the vehicle provides solid protection overall, in the passenger-side test, it showed a high risk of injury to the front passenger's right foot and leg.

Stellantis made the same modifications to the frame rail on the 2026 Jeep Gladiator. The pickup also earns an acceptable rating for vehicles built after October 2025.

IIHS assigns ratings of good, acceptable, marginal or poor in each of its tests. A good small overlap front rating for both the driver and passenger side is required for an IIHS safety award.

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