

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) July 19, 2005

**WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE  
TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-13782**

(Commission File Number)

**25-1615902**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1001 Airbrake Avenue  
Wilmerding, Pennsylvania**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**15148**

(Zip Code)

**(412) 825-1000**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management

### Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On July 19, 2005, the Board of Directors of Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation (“Wabtec”) appointed Gary Valade as a member of its Board of Directors to fill a vacancy on the Board. Mr. Valade will serve as a director in the class whose term expires at Wabtec’s Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2006, when he will stand for election. Mr. Valade was appointed as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board. A copy of the press release issued by Wabtec on July 25, 2005 announcing this appointment is included as Exhibit 99.1 of this Current Report on Form 8-K.

## Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed with this report on Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated July 25, 2005 regarding the matter referenced in Item 5.02.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE  
TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Alvaro Garcia-Tunon

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Alvaro Garcia-Tunon  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 25, 2005

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# Press Release

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## Gary Valade Joins Wabtec's Board Of Directors

WILMERDING, Pa., July 25, 2005 – Wabtec Corporation (NYSE: WAB) today announced that Gary C. Valade, a long-time auto industry executive, has been appointed to its Board of Directors, effective immediately. Valade, 62, will serve as a member of the class of directors whose term expires at Wabtec's 2006 annual meeting, at which time he will stand for election. Valade's appointment increases the number of Wabtec directors to nine, seven of which are independent as defined by the New York Stock Exchange.

Valade, who will serve on the Audit Committee of the board, retired from DaimlerChrysler in 2003 as a member of the Board of Management and as executive vice president of Global Procurement and Supply. From 1993-98, he was executive vice president and chief financial officer of Chrysler Corporation and a member of the Office of the Chairman. A native of Detroit, Valade joined Chrysler in 1968 and held a variety of financial positions, including corporate controller.

"We are pleased to welcome Gary to the board and believe that his extensive financial experience in a manufacturing environment will be a valuable resource to the company," said William E. Kassling, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Wabtec.

Wabtec Corporation ([www.wabtec.com](http://www.wabtec.com)) is one of North America's largest providers of value-added, technology-based products and services for the rail industry. Through its subsidiaries, the company manufactures a range of products for locomotives, freight cars and passenger transit vehicles. The company also builds new switcher and commuter locomotives, and provides aftermarket services, including locomotive and freight car fleet maintenance. The company has facilities located throughout the world. Wabtec's mission is to be judged by its stakeholders as the world-class corporation focused on helping its global customers compete more effectively through higher levels of safety, quality and productivity.

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