



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

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Mr. Mike Becker
Director of Corporate Compliance
Forest River, Inc.
2324 Century Drive
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NEF-150MR
18V-799

Subject: Seat Back may not Stay Upright/FMVSS 207, 210

Dear Mr. Becker:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River, Inc.'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:

STARCRAFT/STARLITE/2017
STARCRAFT BUS/ALLSTAR/2016-2018
STARCRAFT BUS/SENATOR II/2017
STARCRAFT BUS/STARLITE/2018
STARCRAFT BUS/STARQUEST/2019

Mfr's Report Date: November 12, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-799

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 38

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2017 Starcraft Senator II, 2016-2018 Starcraft Allstar, 2017-2018 Starcraft Starlite, and 2019 Starcraft Starquest transit buses, equipped with Freedman GO-ES Foldaway Seats, part numbers 43705, 45467, 48923, and 75719. When the back seat cushion is rotated from the stowed position to the upright position, the seat cushion may not remain locked into place when under load, such as in a crash or a sudden stop. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 207, "Seating Systems," and 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Consequence:

In the event of a crash, if the seat back moves, the seat occupant has an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and Freedman Seating will repair the foldaway seat, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in November 2018. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-574-642-3112 or Freedman customer service at 1-800-443-4540. Forest River's number for this recall is 05-0903.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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