

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 20V-049

**Manufacturer Name :** Forest River, Inc.

**Submission Date :** JAN 28, 2020

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 20V-049

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 51-1129



## Manufacturer Information :

## Population :

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.

Number of potentially involved : 218

Address : 55470 CR 1

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart IN 46515-3030

Company phone : 1-800-348-7440

## Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2020-2020 Forest River Inc. Freedom Express, Salem, Stealth EVO, Vibe, Wildcat Maxx, and Wildwood

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

**Descriptive Information :** During routine inspections done at the plant, it was found that the break away switches were inconsistently failing. Using Production records and Purchasing records the plants were able to determine affected vehicles.  
See attached document for Model listing.

Production Dates : SEP 24, 2019 - JAN 15, 2020

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** The emergency break-away switch may not engage the trailer brakes when the pin is pulled.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If the break-away switch fails to engage the trailer breaks this may lead to uncontrollable movement of the trailer during an emergency, which may increase the risk to a crash, property damage, death and/or injury.

**Description of the Cause :** Unknown

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** None

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : LaVanture Products  
Address : 3806 Gallatin Way  
Elkhart INDIANA 46514  
Country : United States

**Chronology :**

On 1/23/2020 it was determined that during routine testing of the break away switches, they were inconsistently failing.  
On 1/24/2020 Forest River's Corporate Recall Committee voted to recall.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River will provide all parts and labor at no charge to the consumer to replace the break away switch.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number?  
Salem, Stealth EVO, Vibe, Wildcat Maxx, Wildwood Customer Service (503) 831-5410  
Freedom Express Customer Service (574) 825-8205

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The new breakaway switch will be sourced from multiple suppliers with the following part numbers C01286637 and LBS-48-16.  
The recalled part number is BAS20005

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : This was corrected in production the week of 1/20/2020

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Forest River has the utmost urgency in our recalls. Forest River will send suspected VIN numbers to our third party vendor that is licensed to pull data on the current owner of the vehicles (as needed) once a formal NHTSA I.D. is provided. Forest River intends on pushing the mailing out as soon as NHTSA provides any correction(s) and an Acknowledgement Letter.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 13, 2020 - MAR 13, 2020  
Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 13, 2020 - MAR 13, 2020

\* NR - Not Reported