

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



DEPARTMENT OF COMPLIANCE
VEHICLE SAFETY AND RECALL MANAGEMENT
BUILDING 11
423 N MAIN ST
MIDDLEBURY, INDIANA 46540-9218

NHTSA RECALL: 20V075
CANADA RECALL: 2020-052
FR ID: 51-1133

- o Integrity
- o Safety
- o Quality
- o Customer Service

<<VIN>>
<<OWNER NAME/DEALERNAME>>
<<ADDRESS>>
<<CITY>>, <<ST>> <<ZIP-XXX>>

03/21/2020

This Notice applies to your vehicle VIN listed above.

Dear Forest River Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act*. This notice is also sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*. Forest River – Office of Corporate Compliance (“OCC”) has decided that a defect, which relates to the motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2020 Surveyor, NO BO, Cherokee, R. POD, Puma, Puma XLE, Independence, East to West Travel Trailers and certain 2019-2020 Clipper and Viking Travel Trailers. This is to inform you that your vehicle may contain a defect that could affect the safety of a person.

WHAT IS THE DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE?

The spare tire carrier U-bolts may fail, this will allow the spare tire carrier and attached spare tire to detach from the vehicle.

EVALUATION OF THE RISK TO THE VEHICLE AND OPERATOR(S) RELATED TO THE RECALL.

If the spare tire carrier and spare tire detach from the vehicle, this will increase the risk of a crash, property damage and personal injury. **Please remove the spare tire carrier prior to traveling with your recreational vehicle until the remedy is performed.**

WHAT IS FOREST RIVER AND OUR DEALERSHIPS GOING TO DO?

Forest River is notifying dealerships of the recall. You may have the recall corrected at any Forest River dealership. However, it is preferable if you have your selling dealership perform the remedy. Forest River will provide new U-Bolts for replacement on the tire carrier. Forest River completely covers your cost for the remedy; you will not receive any bill of sale for anything covered under the above recall number.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Please contact your dealer without delay and request a service appointment to schedule the remedy for the tire carrier U-Bolts to be replaced. The vehicle Owner is responsible for making arrangements to have the work completed. Please state you have been notified by Forest River of having a recall in process for your vehicle and provide the recall number for the dealership. It is also helpful to the dealership to have a copy of this letter when you take your vehicle in for the recall remedy. **Please remove the spare tire carrier prior to traveling with your recreational vehicle until the remedy is performed.**

You may also visit www.forestriverinc.com for dealer locations.

HOW LONG WILL THE REMEDY PROCESS TAKE?

The estimated time of repair is .25 hours. However, the dealership may need to keep your vehicle or schedule an appointment with you for a later date to fit into their regular service schedule.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR REPAIRS TO YOUR VEHICLE FOR THIS PARTICULAR CONDITION?

If you have already paid for a repair that is within the scope of this defect under recall, you still need to have this recall inspected and/or performed to ensure the correct parts and procedures were utilized.

Additionally, you may be eligible for a refund of previously paid repairs. Refunds will only be provided for within the scope of this defect under recall.

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Please send the service invoice to the following address:

Cherokee
Forest River, Inc.
Attn: WARRANTY MANAGER
1500 North Detroit St
Lagrange, IN 46761

Independence, Viking, Clipper
Forest River, Inc.
Attn: WARRANTY MANAGER
PO Box 549
Centreville, MI 49032

Puma
Forest River, Inc.
Attn: WARRANTY MANAGER
2551 Century Dr
Goshen, IN 46528

East + West
Forest River, Inc.
Attn: WARRANTY MANAGER
3000 County Road 6 West
Elkhart, IN 46514

Surveyor, NO BO, R.Pod
Forest River, Inc.
Attn: WARRANTY MANAGER
2405 Century Dr
Goshen, IN 46528

What if you no longer own this vehicle?

If you no longer own this vehicle and have the address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner within 10 working days after the day in which the notice is received. You have received this letter because government regulations require that a notification is sent to the last known owner of record. Our records indicate that you are the current owner.

PLEASE NOTE: FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THAT ANY VEHICLE LESSOR RECEIVING THIS RECALL NOTICE MUST FORWARD A COPY OF THIS NOTICE TO THE LESSEE WITHIN TEN DAYS.

MAY FOREST RIVER ASSIST YOU FURTHER?

If you have difficulties getting your vehicle repaired, please contact your Forest River Representative listed below:

CONTACT	PHONE
Cherokee:	(260) 499-2100
Independence, Viking, Clipper	(269) 467-6321
Puma	(574) 642-0606
East + West	(574) 264-6664
Surveyor, NO BO, R. POD	(574) 642-3119

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle/towable repaired in a reasonable amount of time or without change, you may write to the following address:

For US Owners Please Contact:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Or you may call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline
at 1-888-327-4236 or (TTY: 1-800-424-9153).
Or visit www.safercar.gov and search;
Recall ID: 20V075

For Canadian Owners Please Contact:

Head of Recalls
Motor Vehicle Safety Investigations Laboratory
Transport Canada
80 Noël street, Gatineau, Quebec, J8Z 0A1

Telephone (800) 333-0510
Facsimile (819) 420-4292
Recall ID: 2020-052

Sincerely,
Cherie Schmucker
Forest River, Inc.
Office Manager
Office of Corporate Compliance

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