# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

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

**Submission Date:** JUN 19, 2020

NHTSA Recall No.: 20V-Manufacturer Recall No.: 51-1177



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.

Address: 55470 CR 1

P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart IN 46515-3030

Company phone: 1-800-348-7440

# **Population:**

Number of potentially involved : 375 Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2020-2021 Forest River Inc. Batisti Coach, Forester, Galleria, Isata, Sunseeker

Vehicle Type: BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : As Per Recall 20V181 - Based on the identification of a production error and analysis

of the production information, the affected population was determined to be Sprinter (VS30, Platform 907) produced from May 16, 2018 to March 12, 2020. Vehicles outside of the scope of the population were delivered with an adapted fender liner.

US

CH	BC2901-42	2020	1
CH	BC2904	2020	2
CH	BC2927-42	2020	2
FRC24	01BSD	2020	13
FRC24	01BSD	2021	23
FRC24	01QSD	2020	20
FRC24	01QSD	2021	3
GAB24	AM	2020	14
GAB24	AM	2021	11
GAB24	AM4X4	2020	1
GAB24	AM4X4	2021	6
GAB24	FLM	2020	12
GAB24	FLM	2021	7
GAB24	FLM4X4	2020	4
GAB24	FLM4X4	2021	7
GAB24	QM	2020	6
GAB24	QM	2021	3
GAB24	QM4X4	2020	5
GAB24	QM4X4	2021	2
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ISATA ISC24FWM ISATA ISC24FWM	2020 2021	48 53
ISATA ISC24RWM	2020	16
ISATA ISC24RWM	2021	12
PRISM PRC24FS	2021	2
SUNSEEKER SSC2400BSD	2020	35
SUNSEEKER SSC2400BSD	2021	23
SUNSEEKER SSC2400QSD	2020	19
SUNSEEKER SSC2400QSD	2021	2
Grand Total		375

Production Dates: JUL 25, 2019 - JUN 11, 2020

## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: As per Daimler Vans USA, LLC (DVUSA) recall # 20V181 a recall is being issued

on certain 2019 Freightliner Sprinter and Mercedes-Benz Sprinter vehicles. The rear part of the fender liner on the front axle may contact and chafe the

brake hose, possibly resulting in a loss of brake fluid.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If the distance between the fender liner and the brake hose is not sufficient,

the front wheel suspension could make contact with the brake hose, which could lead to chafing of the brake hose and the loss of brake fluid. Over time, if

the operator ignores the brake fluid warning indicator and continues to operate the vehicle until the brake fluid runs dry, this may extend the braking

distance and increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause: NR

Identification of Any Warning NR

that can Occur:

## **Supplier Identification:**

### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: Daimler Vans USA, LLC Address: One Mercedes-Benz Drive

Sandy Springs GEORGIA 30328

**Country: United States** 

## **Chronology:**

In early 2020, MBAG initially became aware of a report from a customer in the United Kingdom where the red brake fluid warning indicator displayed, indicating a brake fluid leak, MBAG launched an investigation to understand whether this individual report was indicative of a broader issue. In February - March 2020, MBAG's investigation included a detailed review of the parts and components in the front axle wheel housing, including tolerances in the mounting process, a materials analysis, geometry analysis and tire sequencing. The investigation found certain fender liner were deformed. Sprinter plants were advised to inspect all vehicles still located at the plant and to check and correct them if necessary.

On March 18, 2020, MBAG determined that a safety risk could not be ruled out and decided to initiate a recall campaign.

DTNA will provide quarterly reports to NHTSA

## **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Forest River will notify owners, and Mercedes-Benz or Freightliner

Sprinter dealers will inspect and replace the brake hoses, as necessary. Additionally, the fender liners will be modified. All services will be

performed free of charge. Owners may contact DVUSA customer service at

1-877-762-8267. DVUSA's number for this recall is VS3BRADVER.

What is Mercedes Customer Service Phone Number? 1-877-762-8267

How Remedy Component Differs An authorized Mercedes-Benz or Freightliner Sprinter dealer will check from Recalled Component: the condition and clearance of the brake hoses and, if necessary, to replace them. Additionally, the corresponding fender liner will be manually cut to permit additional space between the front axle wheelhouse and the brake

lines. Component NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition The condition was corrected in production in February 2020, including

was Corrected in Production: vehicles that remained within the plant.

#### **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: JUL 29, 2020 - JUL 29, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date: JUL 29, 2020 - JUL 29, 2020

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