OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 20V-589

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.
Submission Date: SEP 25, 2020
NHTSA Recall No.: 20V-589
Manufacturer Recall No.: 72-1232



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

## **Population:**

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.

Number of potentially involved: 551

Address: 55470 CR 1

Estimated percentage with defect :  $100\,\%$ 

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Company phone: 1-800-348-7440

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2021-2021 Forest River Inc. Salem SMT167RBK, SMT167RBKX, SMT170SS,

SMT170SS-72, SMT170SSX, SMT170SSX-72, SMT177BH, SMT178BHSK,

SMT178BHSK-72, SMT178BHSKK,SMT178BHSKX-72, SMT179DBK, SMT179DBKX,

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SMT181RT, SMT181RTX, SMT280RT-72,

Vehicle Type: TRAILERS
Body Style: OTHER
Power Train: NR

Descriptive Information: Starting with the model year change, the manufacturing plant began installing the

cooktop without a seal between the cooktop and the furnace.

 Salem
 SMT167RBK
 2021
 4

 Salem
 SMT167RBKX
 2021
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 Salem
 SMT170SS
 2021
 14

 Salem
 SMT170SS-72
 2021
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 Salem
 SMT170SSX
 2021
 5

 Salem
 SMT170SSX-72
 2021

 Salem
 SMT177BH
 2021
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 Salem
 SMT178BHSK
 2021
 72

 Salem
 SMT178BHSK-72
 2021
 25

 Salem
 SMT178BHSKX
 2021
 37

 Salem
 SMT178BHSKX-72
 2021
 14

 Salem
 SMT179DBK
 2021
 37

 Salem
 SMT179DBKX
 2021
 44

 Salem
 SMT181RT
 2021
 2

 Salem
 SMT181RTX
 2021
 4

 Salem
 SMT280RT-72
 2021
 2

Production Dates: AUG 21, 2020 - SEP 21, 2020

VIN Range 1: Begin: NR End: NR

■ Not sequential

Not sequential

Vehicle 2: 2021-2021 Forest River Inc. Wildwood WDT167RBK, WDT167RBKX, WDT170SS,

WDT170SS-72, WDT170SSX, WDT170SSX-72, WDT177BH, WDT177BHX, WDT178BHSK, WDT178BHSK-72, WDT178BHSKX, WDT178BHSKX-72,

WDT179DBK, WDT179DBKX, WDT181RTX, WDT280RTX-72

Vehicle Type: TRAILERS
Body Style: OTHER
Power Train: NR

Descriptive Information: Starting with the model year change, the manufacturing plant began installing the

cooktop without a seal between the cooktop and the furnace.

Wildwood WDT167RBK 2021 Wildwood WDT167RBKX 2021 Wildwood WDT170SS 2021 3 Wildwood WDT170SS-72 2021 5 WDT170SSX 2021 Wildwood 1 Wildwood WDT170SSX-72 2021 4 Wildwood WDT177BH 2021 9 Wildwood WDT177BHX 2021 2 Wildwood WDT178BHSK 2021 46 Wildwood WDT178BHSK-72 2021 41 Wildwood WDT178BHSKX 2021 58 Wildwood WDT178BHSKX-72 2021 26 Wildwood WDT179DBK 2021 29 Wildwood WDT179DBKX 2021 32 Wildwood WDT181RTX 2021 1 Wildwood WDT280RTX-72 2021 1

Production Dates: AUG 21, 2020 - SEP 21, 2020

VIN Range 1: Begin: NR End: NR

#### **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The cooktop is not isolated from the furnace return air, which potentially

causes an inverted flame on the cooktop.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If the cooktop is not isolated from the furnace, the furnace may draw negative

air pressure, resulting in an inverted cooktop flame, which may lead to potentially causing the propane supply line to fail, which may lead to

property damage or personal injury.

Description of the Cause: The manufacturing plant did not seal the panel, which isolates the furnace from

the cooktop.

Identification of Any Warning An operator may see an inverted flame on the cooktop.

that can Occur:

## **Involved Components:**

Component Name 1: NR Component Description: NR Component Part Number: NR

## **Supplier Identification:**

#### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: NR Address: NR

NR

Country: NR

# **Chronology:**

On 9/9/2020 a single dealer performing a Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI) noticed an inverted flame on the cooktop while testing the furnace and other LP inspections.

On 9/10/2020 The manufacturing plant alerted Forest River's Office of Corporate Compliance (OCC) of the concern and research began.

On 9/17/2020 The manufacturing plant and OCC inspected vehicles on the lot and did find the same concern of the inverted flame.

On 9/21/2020 the manufacturing plant and OCC were able to determine the scope of vehicles affected

On 9/25/2020 Forest River's Corporate Recall Committee voted to recall.

# **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Forest River Inc. will provide all parts and labor free of charge to the consumer. Sealant will be added to the gaps in the paneling that are allowing the return air from the furnace to cause an inverted flame.

> What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (574) 534-3167

How Remedy Component Differs The cooktop will now be isolated from the furnace return air.

from Recalled Component:

Identify How/When Recall Condition Manufacturing began sealing the panel's edges inside the cabinet between

was Corrected in Production: the cooktop and furnace the week of September 14, 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 : NOV 06, 2020 - NOV 06, 2020 Planned Owner Notification Date : NOV 06, 2020 - NOV 06, 2020

<sup>\*</sup> NR - Not Reported