



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

January 12, 2022

Mr. Mike Becker  
Director of Corporate Compliance  
Forest River, Inc.  
2324 Century Drive  
Goshen, IN 46528

NEF-107KL  
22V-003

**Subject:** Unsealed Cooktop May Cause Burner Flames to Invert

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:**

COACHMEN/CATALINA/2021-2022  
FOREST RIVER/AURORA/2021-2022

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 7, 2022

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 22V-003

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:APPLIANCE:OVEN/STOVE/COOKTOP

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,097

**Problem Description:**

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2021-2022 Coachmen Catalina and Forest River Aurora travel trailers. The panel that isolates the cooktop from the furnace was not properly sealed during manufacturing, which could result in an inverted cooktop flame.

**Consequence:**

An inverted flame can increase the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

Dealers will seal the furnace from the cooktop, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed February 16, 2022. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-574-825-8657. Forest River's number for this recall is 203-1454. This recall is an expansion of recall 21V-828.

**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.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).



Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Please amend the 573 report consequence section to include fire risk.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. If claim count exceeds 10 claims, please provide the total number of claims, and a receipt date range for those claims.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

We have received Forest River's proposed owner notification letter and approved it for distribution.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Forest River, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement