#### OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 22V-477

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.
Submission Date: JUL 06, 2022
NHTSA Recall No.: 22V-477
Manufacturer Recall No.: 51-1529



## **Manufacturer Information:**

## **Population:**

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.

Number of potentially involved: 12,141

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: 2020-2022 Coachmen Catalina Travel Trailers

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

Descriptive Information: Using manufacturing records, the manufacturing plant was able to determine when

the battery disconnects began being installed onto the vehicles, June 1, 2020 through

June 24, 2022.

Please see attached spreadsheet for models and quantity.

Production Dates: AUG 29, 2019 - JUN 23, 2022

Vehicle 2: 2021-2022 Forest River Inc. Aurora Travel Trailers

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

Descriptive Information: Using manufacturing records, the manufacturing plant was able to determine when

the battery disconnects began being installed onto the vehicles, June 1, 2020 through

June 24, 2022.

Please see attached spreadsheet for models and quantity.

Production Dates: JUL 08, 2020 - MAY 12, 2022

## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The breakaway switch wire was connected to a mini-breaker that was

connected to the auxiliary side of the battery disconnect. By the breakaway switch being wired to the auxiliary side of the battery disconnect, it is not supplying constant power to the switch, therefore, the switch may not engage when needed and consequently not allow the trailer brakes to activate.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If battery disconnect is in the "off" position, the breakaway switch will not

engage when needed, the trailer brakes will not activate which may lead to

property damage, injury and/or death.

Description of the Cause: Breakaway switch wired incorrectly.

Identification of Any Warning None

that can Occur:

## **Involved Components:**

Component Name 1: Breakaway Switch Wiring

Component Description: Breakaway Switch Wiring

Component Part Number: N/A

## **Supplier Identification:**

## **Component Manufacturer**

Name: NR

Address: NR

NR

Country: NR

## **Chronology:**

On June 24, 2022, during a routine Codes & Standards Audit, it was discovered that the breakaway switch was incorrectly wired. Forest Rivers Office of Corporate Compliance was notified by the manufacturing plant of the issue and began to determine the vehicle scope.

On July 1, 2022, Forest Rivers Corporate Recall Committee voted to recall

## **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Forest River will provide all parts and labor free of charge to Consumers and Dealers. An authorized Forest River Dealer or Service Center will need to perform the remedy, which will include inspecting the wiring to the breakaway switch rewire if needed so that the breakaway switch will activate properly.

> What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (574) 825-6241

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. Please send the service invoice to the following address:

Catalina & Aurora Forest River. Inc.

Attn: WARRANTY MANAGER

**PO Box 30** 

Middlebury, IN 46540

from Recalled Component: activate properly.

How Remedy Component Differs The breakaway switch will now be wired to constant power so that it will

**Recall Component - Wiring** 

P/N N/A

Identify How/When Recall Condition Battery disconnect wired properly on units built on June 24, 2022. The was Corrected in Production: breakaway switch is now wired to the battery side of the battery

disconnect switch for constant power.

#### **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: AUG 15, 2022 - AUG 15, 2022

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Planned Owner Notification Date: AUG 15, 2022 - AUG 15, 2022

\* NR - Not Reported

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