

# IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



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

NHTSA RECALL: 22V477  
CANADA RECALL: 2022-358  
FR ID: 51-1529

- o Integrity
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- o Quality
- o Customer Service

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<<ADDRESS>>  
<<CITY>>, <<ST>> <<ZIP-XXX>>

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## **Pursuant to USC49CFR §577.13 – Notification to Dealerships and Distributors – Paragraph B**

“It is a violation of Federal Law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by the notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied. Substantial civil penalties apply to violations of this law.”

*–Forest River motorized and towable products are contained in this section-*

## **CANADA: Pursuant to the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Act, section 5**

*Companies who sell new non-complying vehicles may be in violation of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Substantial penalties apply to violations of this law. This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This is to inform you that your vehicle may contain a defect that could affect the safety of a person.*

Forest River has decided that a safety defect exists in certain 2020 – 2022 Coachmen Catalina and 2021 – 2022 Forest River Aurora travel trailer recreational vehicles. Forest River is recalling the defect model(s) to ensure the safety of our future retail consumers and your dealership. Forest River apologizes for any inconvenience this action may cause your dealership; however, safety continued satisfaction and our commitment to building great products are of the utmost importance to Forest River.

The identified VIN referenced in the attached document(s).

The designated Date range of production is:

Catalina – 8/29/2019 – 6/23/2022

Aurora – 7/8/2020 – 5/12/2022

### **DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE:**

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.

### **EVALUATION OF 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 a crash.

### **SERVICE PROCEDURE:**

Dealership Service Department procedures for addressing the incorrectly wire breakaway switch can be found on Dealer Connect

Pictures are required for the remedy and/or inspection after installation. Pictures of the remedy are a condition of payment in which must be provided with a claim against the repair code(s).

### **DEALER REPAIR CODES: Dealer Connect**

UNITED STATES	CANADA	REPAIR CODE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOWABLE HOUR(S)
22V477	2022-358	RC-003-05-00-004204	Inspect breakaway switch wiring only	.10 HRS
22V477	2022-358	RC-003-22-00-004205	Inspect and rewire breakaway switch	.30 HRS

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## HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION:

CONTACT	PHONE
CUSTOMER SERVICE	(574) 825-6241

The Recall shall be considered the utmost priority to remedy the 2020 – 2022 Coachmen Catalina and 2021 – 2022 Forest River Aurora travel trailer in question. **The retail consumer shall not be charged** any amount of monies for remedy to their 2020 – 2022 Coachmen Catalina and 2021 – 2022 Forest River Aurora travel trailer listed under this Recall.

If your dealership has already performed the remedy to 2020 – 2022 Coachmen Catalina and 2021 – 2022 Forest River Aurora travel trailer, your dealership is entitled to the reimbursement as stated above by filing a claim using the indicated repair code(s). If the remedy needs to be performed on an out of warranty 2020 – 2022 Coachmen Catalina and 2021 – 2022 Forest River Aurora travel trailer in which the VIN falls under as stated in the identified VIN listing, your dealership is entitled to the reimbursement as stated above by filing a claim using the indicated repair code(s).

### Notice:

In no manner shall a Forest River Product Owner or Coachmen Product Owner be charged any fee(s) for scheduling, conduction or completion of the recall. Additionally, all dealership(s) that are Forest River and/or Coachmen dealership(s) are Federally Mandated to perform the recall once presented with this recall whether by the Owner or Dealership receipt of this letter, without denial of service to the Owner. Lastly, denial of a remedy for this recall is a Federal Violation punishable by law resulting substantial fines and/or civil penalties.

**Federal Regulation requires that any lessor receiving this Recall must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days. If your dealership no longer owns this vehicle, please inform the Warranty Manager of the product listed above of the change of ownership.**

Sincerely,  
Forest River, Inc. LLC  
Office of Corporate Compliance