

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
- o Safety
- o Quality
- o Customer Service

<<VIN>>
<<OWNER NAME/DEALERNAME>>
<<ADDRESS>>
<<CITY>>, <<ST>> <<ZIP-XXX>>

August 2022

This Notice applies to your vehicle VIN listed above.

Dear Forest River Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements *Motor Vehicle Safety Act*. This notice is also sent in accordance with the requirements of the United States' *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*. Forest River has decided that a defect, which relates to the motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2020 – 2022 Coachmen Catalina and 2021 – 2022 Forest River Aurora travel trailer recreational vehicles. This is to inform you that your vehicle may contain a defect that could affect the safety of a person.

WHAT IS THE 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 THE RISK TO THE VEHICLE AND OPERATOR(S) RELATED TO THE RECALL.

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.

WHAT IS FOREST RIVER AND OUR DEALERSHIPS GOING TO DO?

Forest River is notifying dealerships of the recall. 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. It is preferable if you have your selling dealership perform the remedy. Forest River completely covers your cost for the remedy; you will not receive any bill of sale for anything covered under the above recall number.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Please contact your dealer immediately and request a service appointment to schedule the free remedy. The vehicle Owner is responsible for arranging to have the work completed. Please state you have been notified by Forest River of having a recall in process for your vehicle and provide the recall number for the dealership. It is also helpful to the dealership to have a copy of this letter when you take your vehicle in for the recall remedy. You may also visit www.forestriverinc.com for dealer locations.

HOW LONG WILL THE REMEDY PROCESS TAKE?

The estimated time of repair is .30 hours. However, the dealership may need to keep your vehicle or schedule an appointment with you for a later date to fit into their regular service schedule.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR REPAIRS TO YOUR VEHICLE FOR THIS PARTICULAR CONDITION?

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

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WHAT IF YOU NO LONGER OWN THIS VEHICLE?

If you no longer own this vehicle and have the address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner within 10 working days after the day in which the notice is received. You have received this letter because government regulations require that a notification is sent to the last known owner of record. Our records indicate that you are the current owner.

PLEASE NOTE: FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THAT ANY VEHICLE LESSOR RECEIVING THIS RECALL NOTICE MUST FORWARD A COPY OF THIS NOTICE TO THE LESSEE WITHIN TEN DAYS.

MAY FOREST RIVER ASSIST YOU FURTHER?

If you have difficulties getting your vehicle repaired, please contact your Forest River Representative listed below:

| CONTACT | PHONE |
|------------------|----------------|
| CUSTOMER SERVICE | (574) 825-6241 |

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle repaired in a reasonable amount of time or without charge, you may write to the following address:

For US Owners Please Contact:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Or you may call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline
at 1-888-327-4236 or (TTY: 1-800-424-9153).

Or visit www.safercar.gov and search;
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For Canadian Owners Please Contact:

Head of Recalls
Motor Vehicle Safety Investigations Laboratory
Transport Canada
80 Noël street, Gatineau, Quebec, J8Z 0A1

Telephone (800) 333-0510
Facsimile (819) 420-4292

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Sincerely,
Forest River Inc.
Office of Corporate Compliance