

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 22V-488

**Manufacturer Name :** Forest River, Inc.

**Submission Date :** JUL 15, 2022

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22V-488

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 205-1534



### Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Forest River, Inc.

**Address :** 55470 CR 1

P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart IN 46515-3030

**Company phone :** 1-800-348-7440

### Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 202

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

### Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2022-2022 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 July 1, 2022.

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The Plant Manager of the division was able to narrow down the scope by using employment records. The division hired new employees to the plant's electrical department on June 3, 2022 and the issue continued until caught and remedied in the yard on July 1, 2022.

To further solidify the scope, on July 11, 2022, OCC asked the manufacturing plants' warranty department to contact sixty (60) vehicles in the field that were produced up to three month prior to the new hires' start date. All sixty (60) vehicles had been manufactured correctly.

2022	CATALINA	ACAT263FKDSLE	9
2022	CATALINA	ACAT283RKSLE	24
2022	CATALINA	ACAT293QBCKLE	19
2022	CATALINA	ACAT29THS	17
2022	CATALINA	ACAT303QBCKLE	18
2022	CATALINA	ACAT303RKDSLE	43
2022	CATALINA	ACAT323QBTSCCKLE	18
2022	CATALINA	ACAT343BHSTSLE	54
Grand Total			202

Production Dates : JUN 07, 2020 - JUN 27, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** The breakaway switch wire may be connected to an incorrect circuit. The breakaway switch should be connected to the brake circuit.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** During a vehicle separation, the breakaway switch may not activate the trailer brakes. This condition may cause property damage and may lead to a crash.

**Description of the Cause :** Breakaway switch wired incorrectly.

Identification of Any Warning None  
that can Occur :

## Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Wire

Component Description : Wire

Component Part Number : N/A

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

## Chronology :

On July 1, 2022, during a routine Codes & Standards Audit, it was discovered that the breakaway switch was incorrectly wired.

On July 5, 2022, Forest River's manufacturing plant along with the Office of Corporate Compliance was able to determine the scope based off of production records from when the battery disconnects began being installed in these models

On July 8, 2022, Forest Rivers Corporate Recall Committee voted to recall

A-1 On July 11, 2022, OCC was contacted by the divisions Plant Manager, who provided evidence that the scope originally filed with NHTSA and Transport Canada was far greater than what was required. During the time of the recall scope development, the week of July 4, 2022, the Plant Manager was on vacation and was unavailable for communications.

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## 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 will need to perform the remedy correctly wire the breakaway switch to brake circuit.

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

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** The breakaway switch will now be wired properly to the brake circuit  
Affected Component – Wire  
P/N – N/A

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** Battery disconnect wired properly on units built on and after July 1, 2022.  
The breakaway switch is now wired to the electric brake circuit.

## 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 17, 2022 - AUG 17, 2022

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** AUG 17, 2022 - AUG 17, 2022

\* NR - Not Reported