

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 4, 2022

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

Subject: Awning Fabric May Detach Causing Awning to Drop

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/ADRENALINE/2022

COACHMEN/APEX/2022

COACHMEN/BROOKSTONE/2022

COACHMEN/CATALINA/2022-2023

COACHMEN/CHAPARRAL/2022

COACHMEN/CHAPARRAL LITE/2022

COACHMEN/CLIPPER/2022

COACHMEN/CROSS TRAIL/2022-2023

COACHMEN/FREEDOM EXPRESS/2022

COACHMEN/INDEPENDENCE TRAIL/2022

COACHMEN/MIRADA/2022

COACHMEN/PURSUIT/2022-2023

COACHMEN/SPIRIT/2022

COACHMEN/SPORTSCOACH/2022-2023

COACHMEN/VIKING/2022

COACHMEN/WORK AND PLAY/2022

EAST TO WEST/AHARA/2022

EAST TO WEST/DELLA TERRA/2022-2023

EAST TO WEST/SILVER LAKE/2022-2023

EAST TO WEST/TANDARA/2022

FOREST RIVER/AURORA/2022

FOREST RIVER/CARDINAL/2022

FOREST RIVER/CEDAR CREEK/2022

FOREST RIVER/CHEROKEE/2022

FOREST RIVER/FLAGSTAFF/2022

FOREST RIVER/FORESTER/2022-2023

FOREST RIVER/FR3/2022-2023

FOREST RIVER/GEORGETOWN/2022

FOREST RIVER/IBEX/2022

FOREST RIVER/IMPRESSION/2022

FOREST RIVER/OZARK/2022



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FOREST RIVER/R-POD/2022

FOREST RIVER/ROCKWOOD/2022

FOREST RIVER/SABRE/2022

FOREST RIVER/SALEM/2022

FOREST RIVER/SANDPIPER/2022

FOREST RIVER/SANDSTORM/2022

FOREST RIVER/SHOCKWAVE/2022

FOREST RIVER/SIERRA/2022

FOREST RIVER/SOLERA/2022

FOREST RIVER/STEALTH/2022

FOREST RIVER/STEALTH EVO/2022

FOREST RIVER/SUNSEEKER/2022-2023

FOREST RIVER/SURVEYOR/2022

FOREST RIVER/VENGEANCE/2022

FOREST RIVER/VIBE/2022

FOREST RIVER/WILDCAT/2022

FOREST RIVER/WILDWOOD/2022-2023

FOREST RIVER/XLR TOYHAULER/2022

PRIME TIME/AVENGER/2022

PRIME TIME/CRUSADER/2022

PRIME TIME/LACROSSE/2022

PRIME TIME/SANIBEL/2022

PRIME TIME/TRACER/2022

SHASTA/OASIS/2022

SHASTA/PHOENIX/2022

Mfr's Report Date: July 29, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-556

Components:

EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 49,295

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2022-2023 Coachmen Catalina, Cross Trail, Pursuit, Sportscoach, East to West Della Terra, Silver Lake, Forest River Forester, FR3, Sunseeker, Wildwood, 2022 Coachmen Adrenaline, Apex, Brookstone, Chaparral, Chapparral Lite, Clipper, Freedom Express, Independence Trail, Mirada, Spirit, Viking, Work and Play, East to West Ahara, Tandara, Forest River Aurora, Cardinal, Cedar Creek, Cherokee, Flagstaff, Georgetown, Ibex, Impression, Ozark, Puma, R-Pod, Rockwood, Sabre, Salem, Sandpiper, Sandstorm, Shockwave, Sierra, Solera, Stealth, Stealth Evo, Surveyor, Vengeance, Vibe, Wildcat, XLR Toyhauler, Prime Time Avenger, Crusader, Lacrosse, Sanibel, Tracer, Shasta Oasis, and Phoenix fifth wheel and travel trailers.

The electric retractable awning has a welded seam on the fabric that may separate, potentially allowing the awning to drop beyond normal operation.

Consequence:

An awning that drops or extends beyond normal operation can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Dealers will replace the fabric roll or complete awning, as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed August 17, 2022. Owners may contact the customer service numbers listed in the recall report for their designated model. Forest River's number for this recall is 51-1532. This recall supersedes and expands NHTSA recall number 22V-486.



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.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

We have received Forest River's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

