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

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 23V-375

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.
Submission Date: MAY 26, 2023
NHTSA Recall No.: 23V-375
Manufacturer Recall No.: 500-1644



### **Manufacturer Information:**

**Population:** 

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.

Number of potentially involved: 258

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: 2023-2023 Forest River Inc. East to West Della Terra Travel Trailers

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

Descriptive Information: The scope includes all vehicles since the inception of these models.

2023 DELLA TERRA DET175BHLE 69 2023 DELLA TERRA DET260BHLE 95

Grand Total - 164

Production Dates: NOV 02, 2022 - MAY 18, 2023

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR Not sequential

Vehicle 2: 2023-2023 Forest River Inc. East to West Silver Lake Travel Trailers

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

Descriptive Information: The scope includes all vehicles since the inception of these models.

2023 SILVER LAKE SKT18BHLE 44 2023 SILVER LAKE SKT25BHLE 50

Grand Total - 94

Production Dates: NOV 02, 2022 - MAY 18, 2023

# **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The furnace may not have been installed according to the installation

instructions provided by the furnace manufacturer. As such, the furnaces' cold air return may draw down the cooktop flame. If the cooktop flame is drawn down or extinguished by the furnace, it may lead to an unintended LP gas leak

into the vehicle.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If the cooktop flame is drawn down or extinguished by the furnace, it may

lead to an unintended LP gas leak into the vehicle. This condition may lead to an increased risk to a fire and/or explosion that may lead to personal injury.

Description of the Cause: Manufacturing error.

Identification of Any Warning An operator may see an inverted flame on the cooktop.

that can Occur:

# **Involved Components:**

Component Name 1 : Furnace
Component Description : Furnace
Component Part Number : N/A

# **Supplier Identification:**

# **Component Manufacturer**

NR

Name: NR Address: NR

Country: NR

### **Chronology:**

On May 18, 2023, during a routine PDI Inspection, it was found that the furnace may be pulling the cooktop flame down/inverted. The PDI facility communicated with the manufacturing plant and their assigned Corporate Standards Manager.

On May 19, 2023, the Corporate Standards Manager for the manufacturing plant communicated to Forest

Rivers Office of Corporate Compliance ("OCC") of the concern. OCC opened a research item the same day.

On May 22, 2023, confirmed the makes and models of vehicles which the furnace was incorrectly installed since model(s) inception.

On May 26, 2023, the Corporate Recall Committee voted to recall.

A-1 On May 26, 2023, OCC determined there was a clerical error in the first statement of the chronology stating that the cooktop was the cause of the inverted flame. The verbiage has been corrected to reflect the furnace is the cause of the inverted flame.

# **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. The furnace will be pulled out of the cabinet 1 3/8" as intended by the installation instructions. This allows for proper cold air return.

> What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (574) 264-6664

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:

East to West Forest River, Inc.

Attn: WARRANTY MANAGER

3000 CR 6 West Elkhart, IN 46514

How Remedy Component Differs Affected Component – Furnace from Recalled Component: Component Part Number N/A

As currently installed the furnace cannot draw cold air return properly

which pulls the cooktop flame inverted.

Pull furnace out of opening 1.375" as intended by installation instructions.

This allows proper cold air return.

Identify How/When Recall Condition The furnaces in the affected vehicles in Forest River control where was Corrected in Production: remedied the week of May 22, 2023.

### **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 : JUL 05, 2023 - JUL 05, 2023 Planned Owner Notification Date : JUL 05, 2023 - JUL 05, 2023

\* NR - Not Reported