OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 23V-612

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.
Submission Date: SEP 01, 2023
NHTSA Recall No.: 23V-612
Manufacturer Recall No.: 500-1672



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

# **Population:**

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.

Number of potentially involved: 2,994

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: 2022-2022 Forest River Inc. East to West Della Terra Travel Trailers

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

Descriptive Information: The scope was determined by reviewing warranty claims of siding. This information

indicated an increase in claims from August 2021 through April 2022.

2022 DELLA TERRA DET200RD 194 2022 DELLA TERRA DET230RB 256 2022 DELLA TERRA DET250BH 375 2022 DELLA TERRA DET261RB 352 2022 DELLA TERRA DET271BH 355 2022 DELLA TERRA DET291BH 75 2022 DELLA TERRA DET291RK 33 2022 DELLA TERRA DET292MK 79 2022 DELLA TERRA DET312BH 135 2022 DELLA TERRA DET323QB 25

Grand Total 1,879

Production Dates: AUG 03, 2021 - APR 29, 2022

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

Vehicle 2: 2022-2022 Forest River Inc. East to West Silver Lake Travel Trailers

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

Descriptive Information: The scope was determined by reviewing warranty claims of siding. This information

indicated an increase in claims from August 2021 through April 2022.

2022 SILVER LAKE SKT20KRD 2022 SILVER LAKE SKT25KRB 120 2022 SILVER LAKE SKT26KRB 90 2022 SILVER LAKE SKT27K2D 195 2022 SILVER LAKE SKT27KNS 245 2022 SILVER LAKE SKT29K2S 65 2022 SILVER LAKE SKT29KBH 85 2022 SILVER LAKE SKT31K3S 50 2022 SILVER LAKE SKT31KBH 70

Grand Total 1,115

Production Dates: AUG 03, 2021 - APR 29, 2022

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

## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The sidewall extrusion may not be properly installed and not properly covering

the leading edge of the sidewall metal. During this time frame there were two

pieces of foam sealant on the extrusion, making it difficult to install

consistently.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: The sidewall metal may detach from the vehicle which may lead to property

damage or injury.

Description of the Cause: Siding may become loose or detach from the vehicle due to the manufacturing

plant applying inconsistent pressure to the side wall extrusion. If an installer did not apply the appropriate side pressure to the extrusion, the extrusion may

not cover the front edge of the side wall metal.

Identification of Any Warning An operator may notice the siding loosening prior to complete detachment.

that can Occur:

Involved	<b>Components</b>	:
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Component Name 1: Siding, Aluminum

Component Description: Siding, Aluminum

Component Part Number: N/A

### **Supplier Identification:**

### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: NR

Address: NR

NR

Country: NR

#### **Chronology:**

On April 10, 2023, Forest Rivers Office of Corporate Compliance ("OCC") received VOQ: 11515118 from NHTSA. OCC provided the manufacturing plant with a copy of the VOQ.

On June 27, 2023, OCC received an inquiry from NHTSA regarding the same VOQ. OCC was asked if there had been any other similar failures. OCC opened a research item into the concern.

On July 18, 2023, OCC communicated with NHTSA that OCC was still reviewing data.

Between dates July 19, 2023, through August 3, 2023, OCC shared initial information with NHTSA, however OCC's research was incomplete.

On August 28, 2023, OCC met with the manufacturing plant to review data.

On September 1, 2023, Forest Rivers Corporate Recall Committee voted to recall.

#### **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. An inspection will be performed to determine if the sidewall metal is showing signs of detachment, if so, the metal will be replaced.

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 County Rd 6 East

Elkhart, IN

How Remedy Component Differs Siding, Aluminum from Recalled Component:

The sidewall metal will now be secured properly.

Identify How/When Recall Condition The concern appears to have been remedied in April 2022 when the was Corrected in Production: manufacturing plant began consistently installing the extrusion which covers the side wall front edge.

#### **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: OCT 11, 2023 - OCT 11, 2023 Planned Owner Notification Date: OCT 11, 2023 - OCT 11, 2023

<sup>\*</sup> NR - Not Reported