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NHTSA  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, West Building  
Washington DC 20590

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Re: 10894114

To Whom it May Concern,

I recently filed a complaint regarding the tires on my camper trailer, 2006 Forest River Cherokee. (VIN #4X4TCKC286P [REDACTED]) As I mentioned before it came to my attention after a tire failure, that the tires were the wrong size and load range for our trailer. The certification label read that they should be ST225/75R15 LRD, mounted on 15x6 inch wheels. What the trailer has on it are, ST205/75R15 LRC on 15X5 inch wheels. We bought the trailer used, and cannot prove the tires were not replaced at some point. HOWEVER after corresponding with Forest River, some of their answers led me to look closer at our trailer. **NOW THIS IS MY ADDED CONCERN: I have also found that it has axles installed which are 3,000 pounds under the trailers listed GVW along with the breaks not being up to specifications.** The tire and wheel combination I have, would be correct for those under rated axles. This unit has a listed GVWR of 10,840 pounds, with axle ratings of 5,080 pounds per axle. The axles under this trailer are clearly rated for 3,500 pounds each., and the under rated tires rated for 1,820 pounds each. As you can see, these numbers do not add up to the listed GVW. In reading various online forums, this manufacturer has had issues like this in the past. I understand we have a 10 year old trailer, but I feel it was manufactured as an unsafe vehicle. I am still waiting for Forest River to respond. I feel that they should be accountable to make this trailer safe, and subject to a recall of these trailers. I cannot use, sell, or even trade this trailer in good conscience, since I am now aware of these problems.

I called last week to update this issue to include the axle, brakes and suspension, and was informed that updates needed to be in print form. I have photos of the certification label, VIN decal with weights, and axle ID tags. They don't print well, and are hard to read, yet I can send them electronically and they are readable.

Your attention to this matter will be appreciated, as I have an unsafe, and unusable trailer. I would ask that Forest River be required to replace all of the under spec components including; springs, axles, brakes, wheels, and tires. In my opinion, this unit was assembled incorrectly, this manufacturer has a history of these issues, and should be held accountable. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

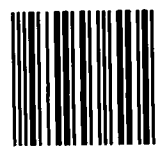
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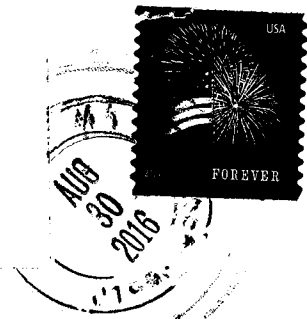


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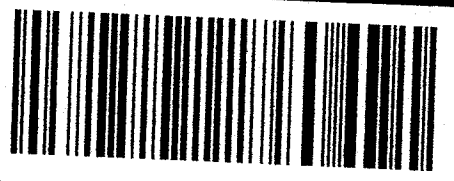


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