



U.S. Department
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

June 29, 2006

WILLIAM G. CONWAY, JR.
FOREST RIVER, INC.
3010 COLLEGE AVENUE
GOSHEN IN 46528

NVS-215
06V-229

Subject: HUB WHEEL FAILURES/AXIS

Dear MR. CONWAY:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. 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: TO BE PROVIDED

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-229

Mfg's Report Date: June 8, 2006

Components: POWER TRAIN: AXLE HUBS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 697

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRAILERS, THE WHEEL STUD FALLS AND SEPARATES AT THE BASE OF THE THREAD. THIS REDUCES CLAMP FORCE ON THE WHEEL.

Consequence:

THE STUDS SNAP OFF AND THE WHEEL AND TIRE ARE NO LONGER SECURED TO THE HUB. THE WHEEL MAY SEPARATE FROM THE TRAILER CAUSING IT TO BE A PROJECTILE ON THE HIGHWAY INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE HUBS WITH NEW STUDS FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURE HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FOREST RIVER AT 574-389-4600.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

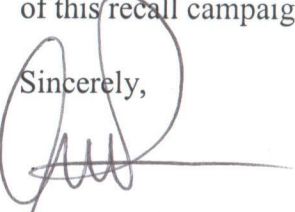
The names of the models involved as well as beginning and ending manufacturing dates.

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement