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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
07V-568

Subject: HITCH PIN BOX LABEL INCORRECT

Dear MR. CONWAY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:

FOREST RIVER/ALL AMERICAN SPORT XLR/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-568

Mfg's Report Date: October 22, 2007

Components: EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 84

Summary:

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS, THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (GVWR) LABEL LOCATED ON THE FRONT OF THE HITCH PIN BOX OF THE UNIT CONTAINS AN IMPROPER LISTING OF THE GVWR.

Consequence:

THIS LABEL IS GIVING CONFLICTING GVWR INFORMATION. THE GVWR OF THE TRAILER IS 18,000 LBS AND THE HITCH LABEL IS READING 15,500.

Remedy:

OWNERS WERE MAILED A CORRECTED LABEL AS WELL AS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS. THE CUSTOMER WILL HAVE THE OPTION FOR DEALERS TO INSTALL THIS LABEL IF THEY PREFER. THE RECALL BEGAN ON OCTOBER 1, 2007. 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:

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on October 1, 2007, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Forest River to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of trailers affected by this recall.

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six 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.

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@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement