



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
09V-375

SUBJECT: PLACARD INFORMATION/PART 567

DEAR MR. CONWAY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River, Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Part 567, "Certification," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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/SANDPIPER/2010
FOREST RIVER/SIERRA/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-375

Mfg's Report Date: September 2, 2009

Components: EQUIPMENT: OTHER: LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 160

Summary:

FOREST RIVER IS RECALLING MODEL YEAR 2010 SIERRA AND SANDPIPER RECREATIONAL TRAVEL TRAILERS AND FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 567, "CERTIFICATION." ON THE TIRE LOADING INFORMATION PLACARD AND THE CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY (CCC) PLACARD THE CCC IS EQUAL TO THE GVWR EXCEPT FOR THE FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS. THERE IS A PRELOADED WEIGHT FOR THE WEIGHT OF THE TRIPOD SUPPORT FRAME THAT THE HITCH PLATE RESTS ON WHILE BEING WEIGHED.

Consequence:

THE UNIT MAY BE OVERLOADED AND CAUSE TIRE FAILURE WHICH MAY LEAD TO A CRASH.

Remedy:

CUSTOMERS MUST TAKE THEIR UNIT TO A FOREST RIVER DEALER TO HAVE IT WEIGHED EMPTY AND DRY AT A CERTIFIED WEIGHT SCALE AND THE INFORMATION RECORDED ON THE ENCLOSED CARD AND MAILED TO FOREST RIVER CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE THE CORRECT PLACARD. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FOR YOU FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FOREST RIVER AT 574-534-3167.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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 contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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