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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, Forest River Inc. is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. The specific information is as follows;

573.5(c)(2)

Affected vehicles are certain 2011 Surveyor Travel Trailers, Surveyor Fifth Wheel Trailers, Crusader Fifth Wheel Trailers, Rance Aluminum Cargo Trailers and Work and Play Toy Hauler Trailers with 15" x 6" Silver "Mod" rims and with 16" x 5" White "Spoke" rims.

These vehicles were manufactured at Rance Aluminum Trailer Division using 10 rims from September 13, 2010 through October 7, 2010, Surveyor Trailer Division using 46 rims from August 26, 2010 through October 12, 2010, Primetime Manufacturing Division using 120 rims from August 23, 2010 through August 24, 2010 and Work and Play Division using 8 rims October 4, 2010.

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the company's manufacturing plants in Elkhart, Goshen and Wakarusa Indiana which produced the affected cargo and recreational vehicles. Coupled with information from Tredit ship dates to individual plant purchase orders.

The Rance Trailer Division has accounted for all 10 wheels and replaced them prior to shipping. And the Work and Play Division has accounted for the 8 rims and replaced them prior to shipping.

573.5(c)(3)

A total of fifty three-(53) travel trailers (two hundred twelve-(212) rims) are subject to this recall. Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) is as follows;

2011 Surveyor with the following VIN numbers starting with 4X4TSVF2XBL018322 and ending with 4X4TSVF26BL018642.

2011 Primetime Crusader Fifth Wheel trailers with a starting VIN of 5ZT3CSUBOBB110160 and ending with 5ZT3CSUB7BB110173.

573.5(c)(4)

"The Two Forests of Forest River... Forming Relationships with Nature"

Forest River, Inc. is recalling 100 percent of the VIN numbers identified in the scope.

573.5(c)(5)

The defect was discovered after a notification from Tredit Tire Corporation (Recall # 10E-052) of 57941 Charlotte Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517-1194 via verbal meeting and letter notification on November 22, 2010 that certain 15" x 6" steel rims manufactured by Xingmin Wheel with a manufacturing codes of 071006Z and 081016B may have inadequate weld penetration between the outer ring and the center plate due to improper plate alignment, thereby potentially resulting in wheel failure and wheel loss causing an accident, personal injury or death.

573.5(c)(6)

Forest River decided to conduct this recall following a notification from Tredit Tire Corporation of their submission and recall number assignment. Forest River is not aware of any wheel failures incidents on the specific products affected.

573.5(c)(8)

The remedy for the affected travel trailers will involve visual inspection for specific labeling of the "WARNING" stickers on the rims, identification of specific appearance of lug hole formation and/or complete removal of wheel assembly for identification of specific production codes as supplied by Xingmin.

As for the parts sales of these specific rims they have been inspected and replaced as part of the investigation. No rims sold other than installed on the vehicles are affected by this recall.

Copies of the repair instructions, dealer notification letters, and owner notification letters will be provided to the agency within 10 business days. Forest River is contacting all dealers and retail owners of the affected vehicles. Upon notification Forest River is prepared to begin dealer notification within 5 business days after approval, and 10 business days subsequent to dealer notification.

Thank you for your assistance,

Regards,


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