



COACHMEN RV, A DIVISION OF FOREST RIVER

February 23, 2012

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, Coachmen Recreational Vehicles, a Division of Forest River Inc. is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated by Ford Motor Company. Specific information is as follows;

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Affected vehicles are Model Year 2011 and 2012 and they incorporate certain Coachmen Mirada, Encounter, units manufactured between February 1, 2010 and February 17, 2012.

Forest River or any of its divisions are not conducting this recall. This recall is being conducted by Ford Motor Company.

Forest River does not use chassis in their production by sequential VIN or a first in first out bases due to the various wheel bases and wheel base requirements for the floor plan models produced by Forest River and their divisions. Forest River will provide Ford with a list of dealers and retail customers that have taken possession of a motor home built on the F-53 chassis between February 1, 2010 and February 17, 2012.

Coachmen, a Division of Forest River Inc, has also provide Ford with a VIN list of chassis that are still on our storage lot that have not been built on so that they may be repaired according to the recall prior to shipment to the dealers.

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the company's manufacturing plant in Middlebury, Indiana, which produced the affected recreational vehicles.

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A total of 1449 Coachmen Motor homes are subject to this recall.

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Ford Motor Company is recalling 100 percent of the units identified in the scope.

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Ford Motor Company (Ford) recall no. 12S27, NHTSA recall number 12V-035- Certain 2011-2012 Model year Ford F-53 stripped chassis vehicle for incorrect gear indication in the cluster "PRNDL" display.

Ford has notified Forest River and the motorize divisions that use the F-53 chassis specifically model years 2011-2012 that there is a defect in the "PRNDL" display. Ford has indicated that the cable may break at the attachment to the transmission control selector arm assembly mounted on the steering column. If the indicator cable breaks, the transmission gear indication in the "PRNDL" display in the instrument cluster remains in the "1" position (first gear) regardless of the gear selected.

As of February 23, 2012 Forest River is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.



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Coachmen RV, a Division of Forest River Inc. was notified by our chassis supplier, Jordan Ford on February 16, 2012 about a voluntary recall that Ford is conducting. This information is being submitted by Coachmen to NHTSA to conform to your standards of recall.

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The remedy for the affected defect in the "PRNDL" display will involve removing and replacing both the transmission PRNDL indicator/cable assembly and the shift lever arm at a Ford Dealership.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sincerely

Jason R. Brewer
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