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February 27, 2014

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Dear Sir or Madame,

Forest River, Inc. has decided that there is a noncompliance on the Federal Certification label Wildcat Fifth Wheel Model WCF327CK Vehicle built between 10/25/2013 and 1/24/2014 and is notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance.

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This report is prepared by William G. Conway Jr. Chief Corporate Engineer.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William G. Conway Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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Identify the Vehicles involved in the recall;

Makes: 2014 Wildcat WCF327CK model Fifth Wheel Trailer Model years. 2014

Model Numbers: WCF327CK

Production dates: Beginning: 10/25/2013 ending 1/24/2014.

Vehicle Type: Recreational Trailer.

Body Style: Fifth Wheel Trailer

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicle from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

It is a specific model number as mentioned above.

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. 100%.

Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

There is a potential of 49 units

Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

Less than 15% Wildcat Fifth Wheel vehicles produced within this time frame.

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined:

Units are categorized in our Corporate Computer System by model. All invoicing to dealers, VIN numbers, serial numbers and warranty retail information can be cross referenced to these models. It is a simple matter of requesting all information for a specific model number; this is processed as a spread sheet with all the pertinent information.

Describe the defect and noncompliance.

The GVWR on the model WCF327CK's Federal Certification Tag is incorrectly stated as 15,500 pounds. The actual GVWR is 12,330 pounds.

Describe the consequences of the defect or noncompliance:

The GVWR is the pin box rating but is in excess of the total of the GAWR and the hitch weight which establishes the GVWR of the trailer.

Identify any warning that can precede or occur:

If the unit is loaded to the GVWR the tires may experience uneven tread wear and possible blow out and the axles may lose their camber.

With respect to a defect a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that are the basis for the determination of the defect:

While preparing a unit for shipment on or about 1/23/2014, a Quality Control Auditor noticed that the GVWR on the Federal Certification Label did not match the specification information that was in the weight specification sheet for this particular model.

Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance:
The information has been corrected in the corporate computer system.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly verses the recalled component/assembly.

There will be no difference between the remedy and the recall Federal Certification labels.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production.
The units in production and staged for shipment have had corrected, labels printed and applied in place of the incorrect ones.

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers and purchasers.

Corrected Federal Certification Labels will be printed and sent to the dealer or retail customer of record for installation on the unit upon receipt of a recall number from NHTSA, the required documents for this recall will be processed immediately.

Regards,

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