



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

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Mr. William Conway
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NVS-215KS
15V-080

Subject: Risk of Fire due to Contact with Heating Element

Dear Mr. Conway:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. 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/FLAGSTAFF/2014
FOREST RIVER/ROCKWOOD/2014

Mfr's Report Date: February 5, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-080

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 726

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain model year 2014 Rockwood and Flagstaff recreational vehicles manufactured June 26, 2014, to October 9, 2014, and equipped with the Chill Chaser option. In the affected vehicles, excessive foam insulation and/or loose wiring may touch the Chill Chaser heating element.

Consequence:

If the foam insulation or loose wiring contacts the heating element, there is an increased risk of fire.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the foam insulation and wiring, making any necessary repair, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-574-642-2640. Forest River's number for this recall is SB111014.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Forest River's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

The information in your report suggests that Forest River may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation. Please update your chronology to explain why a safety recall is being filed in February 2015 when the issue was discovered in October 2014 and owners were notified of the issue in November 2014.

Please clarify which units are affected. Specifically, as to whether the provided population figure in the Defect Information Report includes vehicles that were remedied prior to this filing.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement