

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-650**

**Manufacturer Name :** Forest River, Inc.  
**Submission Date :** OCT 12,2015  
**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-650  
**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 17A-10082015-0094

**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.  
 Address : 55470 CR 1  
 P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart IN 46515-3030  
 Company phone : 219-533-5934

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 19  
 Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2013-2014 Forest River, Inc. Cherokee - T19V  
 Vehicle Type : TRAILERS  
 Body Style :  
 Power Train : NR  
 Descriptive Information : Cherokee Trailers are recreational vehicles built by Forest River.  
 Production Dates : FEB 18, 2013 - AUG 14, 2013

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : 4X4TCKU24DX115381                      End : 4X4TCKU2XEX116343                       Not sequential VINs

**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : The subject vehicle T19TV had been manufactured with the incorrect Tire, Rim, GVWR, and Cargo Carrying Capacity information on the Federal Placard per Title 49 CFR 567 – CERTIFICATION. The original placard indicates that the tires on the vehicle are ST225/75R15D and the axle indicates a 5,200 lbs. capacity. However, the vehicle was built with a 3,500 lbs. axle and ST205/75R15C tires, which results in a decrease in the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating

FMVSS 1 : 567 - Certification

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Relying on the incorrect Tire, Rim, GVWR and Cargo Carrying Capacity indicated on the Federal Placards, an owner may unknowingly overload the vehicle. An overloaded vehicle will lead to premature tire, axle, and vehicle failure and increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : A numerical code was entered into the sales order. This code is known as the "Optional Equipment Code." The subject vehicle Federal Placard indicated the vehicle has an aluminum rims, ST225/75R15D tires, and a 5,200lbs rated axle(s). This is incorrect as the vehicle only has ST205/75R15C tires, rim combination, and a

3,500 lbs. rated axle(s). The wrong "Optional Equipment Code" was entered against the vehicle order. The correct "Optional Equipment Code" that should have been used is one that only provides an upgrade to the rim from steel to aluminum. The "Optional Equipment Code" that should have been used does not reflect a higher rated axle or tire and rim combination.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : A person would only note that the Placard is incorrect by comparing the data printed on the placard to the actual tire and rim combination and axle load rating that is inscribed on the axle. The vehicle can be overloaded by the owner if the owner uses the listed Cargo Carrying Capacity. Overloading the vehicle can lead to reduced vehicle stability such a sway in transit and reduced braking ability.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

On October 8, 2015 the manufacturing plant contacted Corporate Compliance to alert of the Federal Placards not matching the tires installed on the vehicle. Aluminum rim and tire combination with a 3,500 lbs. rated axle(s) were used on the subject vehicles. However, the incorrect Optional Equipment Code for ST225/75R15D tires with an aluminum rim and 5,200 lbs. rated axle(s) was selected. The use of this Optional Equipment Code triggered Forest River's weight scales to calculate the GVWR as if the vehicle had the ST225/75R15D tires and 5,200 lbs. axle(s). Then the scale computer printed off the Federal Placard to reflect the ST225/75R15D tires and 5,200 lbs. axle(s) as well as a printed GVWR that is in excess of the actual installed tire and axle combination.

Upon the review of the weight scale data, Forest River was able to isolate this problem to 19 vehicles. Forest River Engineering made the manufacturing plant aware of the error in the use of the Option Code and provided another issued copy of the numerical Optional Equipment Codes to the manufacture plant personal. Further review of the vehicle in question identified that the correct "Optional Equipment Code" had been used in previous production of this subject vehicle. This information was last gathered on October 8, 2015.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River will provide free of charge to the owners and dealers the correct Federal Placard for each of the 19 subject vehicles.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy Federal Placard will indicate the correct Tire, Rim, GVWR and Cargo Carrying Capacity.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Upon the review of the weight scale data

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**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Forest River has the utmost urgency in our recalls. Forest River has sent suspected VIN numbers to our third party vendor that is licensed to pull data on the current owner of the vehicles. Forest River intends on pushing the mailing out as soon as NHTSA provides any correction(s) and an Acknowledgement Letter.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 07, 2015 - DEC 07, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 07, 2015 - DEC 07, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported