

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-768****Manufacturer Name :** Forest River, Inc.**Submission Date :** DEC 11, 2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-768**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 51-11102015-0108**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 : 5,675

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2006-2014 Forest River, Inc. Elkhart Coach: ECII

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Elkhart Coach is a manufacturer of transit and commercial buses.

Production Dates : JAN 01, 2006 - SEP 26, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The holes in the folding link arms (PN 30863) have been manufactured oversized periodically.

FMVSS 1 :NR

FMVSS 2 :NR

Description of the Safety Risk : With the holes in the link arms in an oversized condition and left unchecked bearings can move out of position. This in turn allows a substantial amount of free play in a stowed platform. This free play allows for an increased load being applied to the platform mounting and can cause it to fail.

Description of the Cause : The cracking of the platform while in the stowed position can be a result of a bearing and/or bent knuckle link arms that have fallen out of their holes in the Knuckle Link Arm.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : A bearing that has moved out of position it is visible upon inspection.

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

Name : Ricon Corporation

Address : 1135 Aviation Place

San Fernando CALIFORNIA 91340-1460

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

On November 6, 2015, Ricon notified Forest River of the defect. On November 6, 2015, Forest River's Office of Corporate Compliance held a meeting to discuss the recall from Ricon and how it affects Forest Rivers business units (Starcraft Bus, Glaval Bus, and Elkhart Coach). The Office of Corporate Compliance held a Corporate Recall Meeting on November 16, 2015. The Corporate Recall Committee decided to recall the affected business units and to conduct separate recalls for Starcraft Bus, Glaval Bus, and Elkhart Coach.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : The Owner/Dealer will need to make an appointment with their local Ricon Dealer to inspect and repair as needed no charge.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy components are known to have the correct size holes for the installation of the bearings.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The oversized condition was identified and corrected in Ricon's production.

**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 : JAN 12, 2016 - JAN 12, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 12, 2016 - JAN 12, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported