

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-806**

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.
Submission Date : NOV 25,2015
NHTSA Recall No. : 15V-806
Manufacturer Recall No. : 40-11192015-0117

**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.
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Population :

Number of potentially involved : 285
 Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2014-2016 Forest River, Inc. Legacy - 340BH - 340KP - 360RB

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Legacy is a "Class A" motorhome manufactured by Forest River, Inc.

Production Dates : SEP 12, 2013 - SEP 25, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The Legacy 340BH, 340KP, and 360RB have shoulder belts that rest at or below the shoulder. FMVSS 209, 49 C.F.R. § 571.209 S4.1(g), requires that a "seat belt assembly shall be capable of adjustment to fit occupants whose dimensions and weight range from those of a 5th-percentile adult female to a 95th-percentile adult male. "FMVSS 210, 49 C.F.R. § 571.210 S4.3.2 requires that "the upper end of the upper torso restraint shall be located within the 'acceptable range'."

FMVSS 1 : 209 - Seat belt assemblies

FMVSS 2 : 210 - Seat belt assembly anchorages

Description of the Safety Risk : The shoulder belts at issue are located too low on occupants' torsos. This condition may lead to potential injuries if the emergency locking mechanisms of the seat belt assembly are activated.

Description of the Cause : The shoulder restraints in the Legacy motorhomes were originally installed to the walls of the vehicle in the incorrect location. The Legacy motorhomes have a total interior construction vertical height of two inches (2") lower than their peer products, Berkshire and Charleston. The location of the seat belt had been incorrectly installed at the same measurement from the roofline as the Berkshire and Charleston.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

Forest River received an Information Request from NHTSA on November 10, 2015 with regard to the seat belts in the Legacy motorhomes. Forest River had begun to investigate the same issue on October 26, 2015 in response to a single complaint relating to the location of the seat belts. Forest River's documentation indicates that a customer contacted the company initially on October 7, 2015 (Forest River has no documentation of any earlier communication). Based on the initial communication, Forest River believed that the customer desired to relocate the seat belt based on a personal preference. Forest River opened a more formal investigation on October 26, 2015 based on a follow up communication from the customer. The investigation discovered that the seat belts were installed in the same location as in peer vehicles, but should have been installed in a higher location. Accordingly, on November 23, 2015, Forest River decided to conduct a safety recall to address this condition.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River, Inc. will install a new seatbelt system, anchor location on the wall of the vehicle for the operator and passenger side of the vehicle, and a cover to conceal the hole left by the miss-located anchor. Forest River will provide and replace the subject seatbelt(s) that fail to conform to the requirements of FMVSS 209. This service will be provided free of charge to owner(s) and dealer(s).

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The distinguishing remedy will consist of a new seatbelt system, anchor location on the wall of the vehicle for the operator and passenger side of the vehicle, and a cover to conceal the hole left by the miss-located anchor.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : All vehicles produced after VIN 4UZACJDT8FCGJ8145 have been remedied with the new restraint system to conform to the requirements of FMVSS 209. Forest River is requiring the vertical measurement of the shoulder belt to be manually reviewed and confirmed to comply in all vehicles before they are sent to dealers.

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 19, 2016 - JAN 19, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 19, 2016 - JAN 19, 2016

* NR - Not Reported