



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Keith Fisher
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NEF-150KS
16V-645

Subject: Roof May Fall Due to Missing Wire Clip

Dear Mr. Fisher:

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:

COACHMEN/VIKING/2017

Mfr's Report Date: September 2, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-645

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 109

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain model year 2017 Coachmen Viking recreational trailers manufactured May 31, 2016, to August 23, 2016. The affected vehicles may be missing wire clip that retains the gas lift roof struts to the mounting bracket.

Consequence:

Without the wire retaining clip, the roof lifting strut could detach from the mounting bracket, allowing one side of the roof to drop down quickly, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will install a wire clip to secure the strut, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 31, 2016. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-269-467-8281. Forest River's number for this recall is 120-08302016-0240.

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.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

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