



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-693

Subject: Insufficient Strength of Roller Chain on Lift Gate

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:

FOREST RIVER/ROCKPORT/2014-2016

Mfr's Report Date: September 24, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-693

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 45

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain model year 2014-2016 Forest River Rockport delivery vehicles, models RPAF1270 and RPAA1270, manufactured November 24, 2014, to August 28, 2015. The affected vehicles are equipped with Thieman Tailgates-brand TVL 12/16 series lift gates supported with roller chains that may fail.

Consequence:

If the roller chain fails, the lift gate may fall unexpectedly, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and Thieman Lift Gate distributors will repair the lift gate, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 21, 2016. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-888-711-1600, or Thieman customer service at 1-800-524-5210 extension 104. Forest River's number for this recall is 29-09202016-0250.

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 identify whether Forest River or the lift gate manufacturer will be providing the required quarterly completion rate reports.

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.

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
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Enforcement