

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**16V-016**

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.
Submission Date : JAN 15, 2016
NHTSA Recall No. : 16V-016
Manufacturer Recall No. : 5-12222015-0125

**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.
 Address : 55470 CR 1
 P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart IN 46515-3030
 Company phone : 1-800-348-7440

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 317
 Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2015-2016 Forest River, Inc. Starcraft School Bus - Quest, XL
 Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES
 Body Style :
 Power Train : NR
 Descriptive Information : Starcraft School Buses are motorized vehicles manufactured by Forest River, Inc.
 Production Dates : JUN 01, 2015 - NOV 01, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : 1GB3G2BF0F1224771 End : 1GB3G2BGXF1244745 Not sequential VINs

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : Forest River, Inc. has been advised by our partner supplier, Specialty Manufacturing, Inc. (SMI), of the following per SMI recall number 15E090:

“SMI has determined that, due to a process deficiency, the STOP decals on Transpec stop arms (part numbers T6000-, T6100-, T7000-) may not remain adhered to the plastic blade. Failure of the decal either in part or in total may cause the reflective surface to not meet FMVSS 131 standards. Without a reflective decal, the stop arms would have reduced visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.”

FMVSS 1 : 131 - School bus pedestrian safety devices

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Without a reflective decal, the stop arms would have reduced visibility to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : SMI has determined that, due to a process deficiency, the STOP decals on Transpec stop arms (part numbers T6000-, T6100-, T7000-) may not remain adhered to the plastic blade.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The STOP decals on Transpec stop arms may not remain adhere to the plastic blade, leading to peeling from the STOP arm.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Specialty Manufacturing, Inc.

Address : 13501 South Ridge Drive
Charlotte NORTH CAROLINA 28273

Country : United States

Chronology :

Specialty Manufacturing Inc. notified Forest River, Inc. on December 18, 2015 with a recall notification (15E090). The manufacturing plant started to gather evidence regarding the subject decals, including which school buses they were installed on. On January 5, 2016, Forest River, Inc. Office of Corporate Compliance (OCC) was given VIN numbers for the subjected school buses. On January 11, 2016, OCC convened the Corporate Recall Committee, the Corporate Recall Committee approved the recalls. The evidence from the partner supplier and the data from the manufacturing records were used to identify the final VIN for the subject school buses.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River, Inc. will provide the free service kit from SMI, which will include (1) Transpec stop arm blade (replacement part will be based on the stop arm part number – circled in blue above) and detailed work instructions.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? 1-800-348-7440

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component will have the correct adhesion to the STOP arm, and comply with FMVSS 131.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The remedy component will have the correct adhesion to the STOP arm, and comply with FMVSS 131.

Recall Schedule :

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

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 10, 2016 - MAR 10, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 10, 2016 - MAR 10, 2016

* NR - Not Reported