

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-682

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.

Submission Date : SEP 20, 2016

NHTSA Recall No. : 16V-682

Manufacturer Recall No. : 24-09142016-0244



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 : 45

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2017 Forest River, Inc. Amera-Lite - ALDD610SA, ALDR610SA, ALDD612SA & ALDR612SA

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : AMERA-LITE is a van trailer/cargo trailer manufactured by Forest River, Inc.

Production Dates : FEB 11, 2016 - MAY 11, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 5NHUAT21XGW062063 End : 5NHUAT015HW062461 Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The drawbars and coupler welded to the vehicle are out of specification for the vehicles' Gross Vehicle Weight Rating ("GVWR").

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The drawbars have an elevated risk of fracture and full failure while traveling. Should the drawbars fracture or fail, the vehicle/trailer has an elevated increase to cause a crash.

Description of the Cause : The gauge of the steel tubes used to manufacture the drawbars are insufficient for the vehicles' GVWR.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On August 2, 2016, Forest River's OCC received information from one of its manufacturing plants indicating a possible drawbar failure. OCC began to monitor the issue.

On September 2, 2016, OCC received a second report from the same manufacturing plant of another possible drawbar failure. OCC worked with the manufacturing plant to review information related to the steel used in the affected drawbar including, the type of steel (hot-rolled or cold-rolled), the drawbar dimensions, and whether the steel was rolled in-house or by a supplier. After receiving additional information on the drawbar specifications, the investigation found that certain drawbars were manufactured with gauge steel tube that was not sufficient to support the vehicles' GVWR.

On September 16, 2016, the Forest River's Corporate Committee decided to recall the affected vehicles.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River is contacting Owners and Dealerships. The dealerships will be replacing these drawbars at no cost to the Owner.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (574)
848-9216

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The correct drawbar steel tube dimension is CR 2" x 3" x .25".

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Production of this model of the vehicle ended on May 11, 2016.

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 : NOV 16, 2016 - NOV 16, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : NOV 16, 2016 - NOV 16, 2016

* NR - Not Reported