

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

January 8, 2018

Mr. Mike Becker Director of Corporate Compliance Forest River, Inc. 2324 Century Drive Goshen, IN 46528 NEF-150KS 17V-825

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Inverter Lead Wire Insufficient Gauge

Dear Mr. Becker:

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/GALLERIA/2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 19, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-825

**Components:** 

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: WIRING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 41

## **Problem Description:**

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2018 Coachmen Galleria motorhomes, models GAB24FLM, GAB24QM and GAB24TM. The inverter was installed using a lead wire that may not be able to handle the amperage draw.

# **Consequence:**

If the lead wire cannot handle the draw, the lead wire may melt, increasing the risk of a fire.

### Remedy

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will replace the lead wire, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 14, 2018. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-574-825-8590. Forest River's number for this recall is 225-0587.

### **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.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

