

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 17V-756

**Manufacturer Name :** Forest River, Inc.**Submission Date :** DEC 19, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-756**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 51-0544**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 : 365,885

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2003-2018 Forest River, Inc. BERKSHIRE CLASS A MOTORHOME, CHARLESTON CLASS A MOTORHOME, ROCKPORT COMMERCIAL (MAN. IN GEORGIA)

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Portable fire extinguishers manufactured by Kidde as identified in Kidde recall 17E-062 and installed in various Forest River vehicles.

The recall population was established through a review of purchasing records and includes all units manufactured for the last 15 years, per 49 U.S.C. §30120(g)(1). In the event that an owner presents a vehicle older than the scope of the recall, that owner will be directed to Kidde receive the same remedy free of charge as covered in Kidde recall 17E-062. Forest River vehicles manufactured after October 17, 2017 did not use Kidde brand fire extinguishers.

Production Dates : FEB 01, 2002 - OCT 17, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2003-2018 Forest River, Inc. CARGO MATE, CEDAR CREEK, CONTINENTAL CARGO, CHEROKEE, RESTROOM TRAILERS, RIVERSTONE, SALEM, SANDPIPER, SIERRA, VENGEANCE, WILDCAT, WILDWOOD, XLR BOOST TOYHAULER

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Production Dates : FEB 01, 2002 - OCT 17, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2009-2018 Forest River, Inc. COACHMEN RV – MIRADA, COACHMEN RV – PURSUIT, COACHMEN RV – CONCORD, COACHMEN RV – LEPRECHAUN, COACHMEN RV – FREELANDER, COACHMEN RV – ORION, COACHMEN RV – PRISM

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Production Dates : JAN 19, 2009 - OCT 27, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2009-2017 Forest River, Inc. COACHMEN RV - APEX, COACHMEN RV - CATALINA, COACHMEN RV - FREEDOM EXPRESS

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Production Dates : JAN 19, 2009 - OCT 17, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 5 : 2013-2017 Forest River, Inc. SHASTA - OASIS, SHASTA - REVERE

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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**Production Dates :** JUN 22, 2012 - OCT 17, 2017

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** NR **End :** NR  Not sequential

**Vehicle 6 :** 2015-2018 Forest River, Inc. FR3, Georgetown

**Vehicle Type :** BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

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**Production Dates :** MAR 01, 2015 - OCT 17, 2017

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** NR **End :** NR  Not sequential

**Vehicle 7 :** 2015-2018 Forest River, Inc. Blue Ridge, Cardinal

**Vehicle Type :** TRAILERS

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

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**Production Dates :** MAR 01, 2017 - OCT 17, 2017

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** NR **End :** NR  Not sequential

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : According to the Defect Information Report submitted by Kidde “the fire extinguishers may become clogged or require excessive force to activate. In certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with force that it could cause injury and fail to discharge.”

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : According to the Defect Information Report submitted by Kidde “If a fire extinguisher does not function properly, it is possible that someone could be injured or killed in a fire.”

Description of the Cause : N/A

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Walter Kidde Portable Systems, Inc.

Address : 1016 Corporate Park Drive  
Mebane NORTH CAROLINA 27302

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

On October 11, 2017, Forest River received a copy of a Stop-Sale notice (dated October 5, 2017) from its Kidde distributor which advised that Kidde had decided to initiate a stop-sale of certain models of plastic handle and “pindicator” push button disposable fire extinguishers. The same day it received the stop-sale notice, Forest River halted vehicle production and initiated a stop-ship across its manufacturing plants for any vehicles with the affected models of Kidde fire extinguishers. Forest River also posted the Kidde stop-sale notice to its dealer portal. Forest River communicated with NHTSA about the Kidde recall on October 11, 2017. On November 2, 2017, Forest River became aware of a NHTSA and CPSC recall filed by Kidde through its review of the NHTSA and CPSC websites and through media reports. From November 3 - 20, 2017, Forest River communicated with representatives of Kidde to better understand the details of the recall and remedy program. Although to date Forest River has not received a formal customer notification from Kidde. On November 22, 2017, Forest River decided to conduct a vehicle recall in order to implement the safety recall announced by Kidde with regard to subject fire extinguishers installed as original equipment in Forest River vehicles.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Vehicle owners will be sent a notification letter which explains how to locate and identify whether the fire extinguisher is included in Kidde Recall 17E-062. Owners will be instructed to contact Kidde directly for a replacement fire extinguisher, free of charge, via Kidde customer service toll-free at 1-855-271-0773, or online at [www.kidde.com](http://www.kidde.com) and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information. Forest River will provide Kidde with affected VIN ranges and Kidde will issue timely recall notices to Forest River's owners and dealers. Kidde will provide all quarterly recall completion rate reports to NHTSA.

Per preliminary conversations with Kidde and NHTSA, Kidde will provide one blanket dealer notification letter to dealers. Affected dealers will be primarily identified by the Recreational Vehicle Dealers association (RVDA) and the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) and Forest River will provide Kidde with a separate list of non-RVDA member dealers. The notification letter will cover all recreational vehicle manufacturer recalls for the Kidde Recall 17E-062 and is intended to minimize confusion at the dealer level and prevent multiple notification letters from multiple manufacturers. The dealer recall notification will also be posted to Forest River's dealer web portals.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : According to Kidde's Defect Information Report, the replacement fire extinguishers will contain a metal, rather than a plastic, valve.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : N/A

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Forest River will provide Kidde with a list of affected VIN ranges. Kidde will issue customer and dealer notification letters.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JAN 18, 2018 - JAN 18, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 18, 2018 - JAN 18, 2018

\* NR - Not Reported