



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Pamela VanderMel
Director of Warranty
Lippert Components, Inc.
1701 Century Drive
Goshen, IN 46528

NEF-150MR
18E-007

Subject: Vibrations Causing Damage to the Driveshaft

Dear Ms. VanderMel:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lippert Components, 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:

LIPPERT/MODIFIED RV CHASSIS/9999

Mfr's Report Date: January 30, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-007

Components:

POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE:DRIVESHAFT
STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 28

Problem Description:

Lippert Components, Inc. (LCI) is recalling certain Ford F53 chassis reduced from a standard wheelbase of 208" to 190" for use by Forest River in Coachmen and Mirada recreational vehicles. The driveshaft may be misaligned, possibly resulting in excessive vibration at highway speeds.

Consequence:

The vibration may cause driveshaft damage, disabling the vehicle and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

LCI will notify owners, and Forest River dealers will replace the two piece driveshaft with a three piece driveshaft, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 1, 2018. Owners may contact LCI customer service at 1-574-538-4514. LCI's number for this recall is 2018-001-59.

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).

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement