



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

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Mr. Mike Becker
Director of Corporate Compliance
Forest River, Inc.
2324 Century Drive
Goshen, IN 46528

NEF-150MR
18V-722

Subject: Knee Impact Area Foam Insufficient/FMVSS 222

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:

STARCRAFT BUS/PRODIGY/2013-2019
STARCRAFT BUS/QUEST/2010-2019
STARCRAFT BUS/QUEST XL/2019
STARCRAFT BUS/SENATOR II/2019
STARTRANS/MFSAB/2019

Mfr's Report Date: October 15, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-722

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 872

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2013-2019 Starcraft Bus Prodigy, 2010-2019 Starcraft Bus Quest, 2019 Starcraft Bus Senator II, Quest XL and StarTrans Bus MFSAB buses, equipped with CE White/HSM SB11-30" series, standard, unbelted, school bus seats, or SB11-30" series school bus seats with lap belts only. The foam in the knee impact area of the lower seat back may not absorb enough impact in the event of a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

If the seat foam does not absorb enough impact energy, it can increase the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will insert an additional piece of expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam into the lower seatback area, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2018. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-574-642-3112. Forest River's number for this recall is 05-0886.

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.

We have received Forest river's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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

Sincerely,



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