

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-376

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.

Submission Date : JUN 07, 2018

NHTSA Recall No. : 18V-376

Manufacturer Recall No. : 35-0751



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 : 707

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2017-2018 Forest River, Inc. GLAVAL APOLLO, GLAVAL COMMUTE, GLAVAL CONCORDE II, GLAVAL ENTOURAGE, GLAVAL LEGACY, GLAVAL PRIMETIME, GLAVAL TITAN II, GLAVAL TITAN II LF, GLAVAL UNIVERSAL

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The scope was determined by the introduction date of the batch of washers into manufacturing until the point when the batch was quarantined and removed from production.

Production Dates : MAR 01, 2017 - SEP 08, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The washers used to mount the drivers' seat-belt assembly to the bus B pillar were over heat treated, causing them to become brittle and crack in some instances.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the washer is cracked and dislodges from the seat-belt mounting area, the seat-belt webbing may become loose and not sufficiently restrain the occupant in a crash.

Description of the Cause : During manufacturing of the washers by the sub-supplier, the heat treating process caused the metallic properties to crystalize and become brittle.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : FREEDMAN SEATING COMPANY
Address : 4545 W. AUGUSTA BLVD.
CHICAGO ILLINOIS 60651
Country : United States

Chronology :

On September 21, 2017, Forest River submitted a recall report (17V-585) to address an issue related to the strength of washers used to mounting bus seats to the floor of the vehicle. During manufacturing by the sub-supplier, the washers had been over heat treated and became brittle. Forest River initiated an investigation when it became aware of a small number of instances where the washers failed during the installation during production, but was not aware of any field incidents. Forest River's investigation limited the issue to a particular batch of washers which were quarantined and discarded. On May 25, 2017, during a meeting with the sub-supplier, Forest River uncovered that the same washers had also been used to install the seat belt assembly at the driver's seat. At the time of the original investigation, Forest River was not aware of any issues concerning the washers when installing the seat belt assemblies and is currently not aware of any reports or incidents involving the washers in the seat belt assemblies. Forest River has confirmed that the washers from this sub-supplier have not been used for any other purpose in the vehicles.

On June 1, 2018, Forest River's Corporate Committee decided to conduct a recall to address the issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River will provide all required parts and labor, free of charge to Dealers. There will not be any cost to any owner affected by the recall. Forest River will replace all affected washers with washers that have sufficient hardness.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (574)
343-5167

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Replacement washers will have "HJ" embossed on the part which indicates the washer meets industry standards for hardness.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : New replacement washers that meet the specification were used in vehicle production since September 2017.

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 (as needed) 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 : JUL 17, 2018 - JUL 17, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUL 17, 2018 - JUL 17, 2018

* NR - Not Reported