

# IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



DEPARTMENT OF COMPLIANCE  
VEHICLE SAFETY AND RECALL MANAGEMENT  
BUILDING 11  
423 N MAIN ST  
MIDDLEBURY, INDIANA 46540-9218

## FOLLOW-UP NOTICE OF SAFETY DEFECT

NHTSA RECALL: 18V545  
CANADA RECALL: 2018-426  
FR ID: 220320-0825

- o Integrity
- o Safety
- o Quality
- o Customer Service

Our records indicate your vehicle has **not** been remedied; for your Safety and the Safety of others, please have your vehicles' recall remedied as soon as possible.

<<VIN>>  
<<OWNER NAME/DEALERNAME>>  
<<ADDRESS>>  
<<CITY>>, <<ST>> <<ZIP-XXX>>

07/29/2020

This Notice applies to your vehicle VIN listed above.

Dear Forest River Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act (US) and the Motor Vehicle Safety Act (Canada). Forest River – Office of Corporate Compliance (“OCC”) has decided that a defect, which relates to the motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2019 Forest River Freedom Express FET21TQX-320, FET23TQX-320, FET246RKS-320, FET248RBS-320, FET257BHS-320, FET275BHS-320, FET281RLDSLE-320, FET287BHDS-320, FET292BHDS-320, FET310BHDS-320, FET310BHDSLE-320, FET320BHDSLE-320, FET321FEDSLE-320, FET192RBS travel trailer recreational vehicles. This is to inform you that your vehicle may contain a defect that could affect the safety of a person.

The break-away safety switch is not wired to constant power and may be inadvertently disconnected from the trailer house battery by the vehicle operator.

### **EVALUATION OF THE RISK TO THE VEHICLE AND OPERATOR(S) RELATED TO THE RECALL.**

If the vehicle operator turned off the battery disconnect switch of the trailer house battery, and in the event of a trailer separating from a tow vehicle, if the break-away safety switch is not wired to constant power, the brakes of the tow vehicle will not engage the trailer, increasing the risk of loss of vehicle control and a crash.

### **WHAT IS FOREST RIVER AND OUR DEALERSHIPS GOING TO DO?**

The remedy for this recall is available upon receipt of this notification. Forest River has notified dealerships of this recall and have provided them with remedy instructions to ensure the break-away switch is powered. You may have the recall corrected at any Forest River dealership. However, it is preferable if you have your selling dealership perform the remedy. Forest River completely covers your cost for the remedy; you will not receive any bill of sale for anything covered under the above recall number.

### **WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?**

Please contact your dealer without delay and request a service appointment to schedule the free remedy. The vehicle Owner is responsible for making arrangements to have the work completed. Please state you have been notified by Forest River of having a recall in process for your vehicle and provide the recall number for the dealership. It is also helpful to the dealership to have a copy of this letter when you take your vehicle in for the recall remedy.

You may also visit [www.forestriverinc.com](http://www.forestriverinc.com) for dealer locations

### **HOW LONG WILL THE REMEDY PROCESS TAKE?**

The estimated time of repair is .25 hours. However, the dealership may need to keep your vehicle or schedule an appointment with you for a later date to fit into their regular service schedule.

### **WHAT IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR REPAIRS TO YOUR VEHICLE FOR THIS PARTICULAR CONDITION?**

If you have already paid for a repair that is within the scope of this defect under recall, you still need to have this recall inspected and/or performed to ensure the correct parts and procedures were utilized. Additionally, you may be eligible for a refund of previously paid repairs. Refunds will only be provided for within the scope of this defect under recall.

Please send the service invoice to the following address:

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Freedom Express  
Forest River, Inc. Attn: Warranty Manager  
535 York Drive  
Middlebury, IN 46540

## **What if you no longer own this vehicle?**

If you no longer own this vehicle and have the address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner. You have received this letter because government regulations require that a notification is sent to the last known owner of record. Our records indicate that you are the current owner.

**PLEASE NOTE: FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THAT ANY VEHICLE LESSOR RECEIVING THIS RECALL NOTICE MUST FORWARD A COPY OF THIS NOTICE TO THE LESSEE WITHIN TEN DAYS.**

## **WHAT IF I HAVE ALREADY HAD THIS RECALL PERFORMED?**

Please provide a copy of the work order, or invoice showing the repair was performed. Please ensure the VIN is visible on the paperwork and send it to:

Email: [occinfo@forestriverinc.com](mailto:occinfo@forestriverinc.com)

Mail: Forest River Office of Corporate Compliance  
423 N Main St Middlebury, IN 46540

## **MAY FOREST RIVER ASSIST YOU FURTHER?**

If you have difficulties getting your vehicle repaired, please contact your Forest River Representative listed below:

CONTACT	PHONE
Freedom Express Customer Service	(574) 825-8657

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle/towable repaired in a reasonable amount of time or without change, you may write to the following address:

### **For US Owners Please Contact:**

Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Or you may call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline  
at 1-888-327-4236 or (TTY: 1-800-424-9153).

Or visit [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov) and search;  
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### **For Canadian Owners Please Contact:**

Head of Recalls  
Motor Vehicle Safety Investigations Laboratory  
Transport Canada  
80 Noël street, Gatineau, Quebec, J8Z 0A1

Telephone (800) 333-0510  
Facsimile (819) 420-4292

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Sincerely,  
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Office of Corporate Compliance