

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: 18V722
FR ID: 05-0866

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

- 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.

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)). Forest River – Office of Corporate Compliance (“OCC”) has decided that a noncompliance, which relates to the motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2010 through 2019 – Forest River Inc. – Starcraft School Buses, which fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 222 - School bus passenger seating and crash protection and 49 CFR Part 49.571.222, the lower knee impact area of the seat back does not meet the minimum requirements for energy absorption. This is to inform you that your vehicle may contain a defect that could affect the safety of a person.

WHAT IS THE DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE?

As per Hickory Springs Manufacturing's Recall Notice 18E-056 states: HSM Solutions has determined that all SB11 – 30” series School Bus Seats as manufactured by CE White / HSM Solutions do not comply with the impact requirements of CFR 49.571.222. Specifically, the lower knee impact area of the seat back does not meet the minimum requirements for energy absorption, as defined by regulation. HSM has determined that the thickness of the foam in the knee impact area of the lower seatback is insufficient. 222 - School bus passenger seating and crash protection.

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

As per Hickory Springs Manufacturing's Recall Notice 18E-056 states: HSM has determined that there is an increased risk of injury to unbelted seat occupant(s) in a vehicle hard braking situation or vehicle crash event. In a hard braking or crash event, the occupant(s) knees may contact the lower seatback, resulting in injury

WHAT IS FOREST RIVER AND OUR DEALERSHIPS GOING TO DO?

The remedy for this recall is included with this notification. Forest River has notified dealerships of this recall and have provided them with remedy instructions to install these Federal Placards if you are uncomfortable installing them yourself. 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 for dealer locations.

HOW LONG WILL THE REMEDY PROCESS TAKE?

The estimated time of repair is .40 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.

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Please send the service invoice to the following address:

Hickory Springs Manufacturing
235 2nd Ave NE
Hickory, NC 28604

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

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
Hickory Springs Manufacturing	(800) 438-5341
Forest River Customer Service	(800) 348-7440

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 and search;
Recall ID: 18V722

Sincerely,
Cherie Schmucker
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Office Manager
Office of Corporate Compliance