

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19V-512

Manufacturer Name : Winnebago Industries, Inc.

Submission Date : JUL 29, 2020

NHTSA Recall No. : 19V-512

Manufacturer Recall No. : 158



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Winnebago Industries, Inc.

Address : PO BOX 152
605 W. Crystal Lake Rd. Forest City IA
50436

Company phone : 1-641-585-3535

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 766

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2017-2019 Winnebago Forza

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : All Forza that came online between 1-3-17 (date new bulb seal went into effect) thru 6-11-19 the end of 2019 MY.

Production Dates : JAN 27, 2017 - JUN 11, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR **End :** NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Exterior storage compartment opens while driving.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Other vehicles could swerve causing an accident If door opens into their traffic lane

Description of the Cause : A change to the door seal went into effect in January 2017. The new door seal created more force against the door and the door may not have completely latched when it was closed and the force of the seal may have pushed open the door when the door was bumped or twisted as the vehicle went down the road.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : none

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

6-13-19 - e-mail from NHTSA stating three complaints

6-14-19 put in a request to IT for TREAD information on category 17-Latch

6-18-19 phone call with NHTSA they now have 3 complaints and we had 14. continue researching cause

6-26-19 Safety Committee meeting outcome was to recall the affected Forza (population not identified)

7-15-19 Door alignment and instructions come out for field service

July 2019 Plastic latch plunger breaking source metal plunger and rework latches.

November 2019 Reports of metal plunger deforming the back of the latch and doors opening

11-19-19 Meet with Clancy to redesign back and plunger profile

2-3-20 Model shop receives 30 Prototype latches

2-15-20 Latches failed on test track

3-1-20 new version of striker plate in-house goes to test lab

4-1-20 test track test passed

4-27-20 Started Hot and Cold cycle test followed by 10,000 cycle test

If all tests go ok we will place an order in mid May and then it is 100 days to get parts in-house for recall.

A second latch will now be installed (leaving the current latch intact) parts are expected mid September 2020.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : A new latch second latch will be installed and the one currently on the door and the catch will be verified for proper alignment and readjusted if necessary.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : A second latch will have be added to the compartment doors

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : In 2020 MY the door design changed, and uses a rotary latch.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : by August 30, 2019

Planned Dealer Notification Date : AUG 30, 2019 - AUG 30, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : AUG 30, 2019 - AUG 30, 2019

* NR - Not Reported