OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 20V-382

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.
Submission Date: JUL 30, 2020
NHTSA Recall No.: 20V-382
Manufacturer Recall No.: 81-1180



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

#### **Population:**

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.

Number of potentially involved: 370

Address: 55470 CR 1

Estimated percentage with defect: 100 %

P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart IN 46515-3030

Company phone: 1-800-348-7440

#### **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2020-2021 Forest River Inc. Vengeance VGF351A13-81, VGF371A13-81,

VGF383V16-81, VGF4007V-81

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS
Body Style : OTHER
Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information: All products since the inception of plant 81 are affected that have the Norco Jack

purchased and installed onto the LCI chassis. Vengeance VGF351A13-81 2020 79 Vengeance VGF351A13-81 2021 75 Vengeance VGF371A13-81 2020 66 Vengeance VGF371A13-81 2021 36 Vengeance VGF383V16-81 2020 37 Vengeance 2021 17 VGF383V16-81

 Vengeance
 VGF4007V-81
 2020
 6

 Vengeance
 VGF4007V-81
 2021
 54

 Grand Total
 370

Production Dates: SEP 03, 2019 - JUN 30, 2020

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR Not sequential

## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: The fifth-wheel landing legs may not be seated properly between the brackets

which are welded to the chassis,

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR Description of the Safety Risk: If the landing legs are not engaged properly this condition may allow the fifth

wheel to slip down the landing leg, puncturing the floor of the vehicle, causing

property damage or personal injury.

Description of the Cause: Improper spacing of the brackets in which the landing legs are installed to the

chassis.

**Identification of Any Warning None** 

that can Occur:

#### **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:**

On Thursday, June 17, 2020, Forest Rivers Office of Corporate Compliance ("OCC") was made aware of four incidents where the fifth-wheel "sliding down" due to a concern with the landing legs and the attachment to the chassis. The same day OCC launched an investigation into the concern. OCC met with the manufacturing plant the same day. It was discovered that the landing legs are purchased separately from the chassis and Forest River manufacturing installs them to the chassis.

On June 18, 2020, OCC learned there were seven complaints of the vehicle sliding down the landing leg.

On June 24, 2020, OCC spoke with the chassis supplier and they indicated that they were separating the bracket spacing further to allow for better engagement of the landing legs.

On June 26, 2020, OCC informed the Corporate Safety Committee of the investigation.

On July 1, 2020, the Corporate Safety Committee decided to recall.

# **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Forest River will provide all parts and labor free of charge to consumers to

remedy the landing legs. An authorized Forest River Dealer or Service

Center will need to perform the remedy.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (260)

499-2100

How Remedy Component Differs The landing legs will be properly installed which will ensure the spacing

from Recalled Component: and securement is correct

Identify How/When Recall Condition On 6/25/2020 The bracket spacing has been revised from 17 1/2" to 17 was Corrected in Production: 3/4" allowing for additional space to install and properly engage the

landing legs to the brackets.

#### **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: AUG 17, 2020 - AUG 17, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date: AUG 17, 2020 - AUG 17, 2020

\* NR - Not Reported