

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



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

NHTSA RECALL: 20V049
CANADA RECALL: 2020-030
FR ID: 51-1129

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

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<<ADDRESS>>
<<CITY>>, <<ST>> <<ZIP-XXX>>

2/19/2020

Pursuant to USC49CFR §577.13 – Notification to Dealerships and Distributors – Paragraph B

“It is a violation of Federal Law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by the notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied. Substantial civil penalties apply to violations of this law.”

–Forest River motorized and towable products are contained in this section-

CANADA: Pursuant to the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Act, section 5

Companies who sell new non-complying vehicles may be in violation of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Substantial penalties apply to violations of this law. This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act. This is to inform you that your vehicle may contain a defect that could affect the safety of a person.

Forest River – Office of Corporate Compliance (“OCC”) has decided that a safety defect exists in certain Forest River Freedom Express, Salem, Stealth EVO, Vibe, Wildcat Maxx, and Wildwood travel trailer recreational vehicles. Forest River is recalling the defect model(s) to ensure the safety of our future retail consumers and your dealership. Forest River apologizes for any inconvenience this action may cause your dealership; however, safety continued satisfaction and our commitment to building great products are of the utmost importance to Forest River.

The identified VIN referenced in the attached document(s).

The designated Date range of production is 9/24/2019 through 1/15/2020.

DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE:

On certain travel trailers, the emergency trailer breakaway switch may not work properly when the pin is pulled. If the trailer separates from a tow vehicle, the trailer brakes would not self-apply.

EVALUATION OF RISK:

If the trailer breakaway switch does not work properly, there could be an increased risk of a crash.

SERVICE PROCEDURE:

Dealership Service Department Service procedures for to replace the breakaway switch is included with this notification.

AVAILABILITY OF REMEDY:

The remedy for this recall is included with this notification.

PARTS AND RETURN:

Pictures are required for the remedy and/or inspection after installation. Pictures of the remedy are a condition of payment in which must be provided with a claim against the repair code(s).

Salem, Stealth EVO, Vibe, Wildcat Maxx, and Wildwood PN LBS-48-16

Freedom Express PN C01286637

Parts replaced should be field destroyed

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DEALER REPAIR CODES: Dealer Central

UNITED STATES	CANADA	REPAIR CODE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOWABLE HOUR(S)
20V049	2020-030	10-20V049	REPLACE BREAKAWAY SWITCH	.20

OR

DEALER REPAIR CODES: Dealer Connect

UNITED STATES	CANADA	REPAIR CODE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOWABLE HOUR(S)
20V049	2020-030	RC-036-01—003349	REPLACE BREAKAWAY SWITCH	.20

HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION:

CONTACT	PHONE
Salem, Stealth EVO, Vibe, Wildcat Maxx, and Wildwood	(503) 831-5413
Freedom Express	(574) 825-8205

The Recall shall be considered the utmost priority to remedy the 2020 Forest River Freedom Express, Salem, Stealth EVO, Vibe, Wildcat Maxx, and Wildwood travel trailer in question. **The retail consumer shall not be charged** any amount of monies for remedy to their 2020 Forest River Freedom Express, Salem, Stealth EVO, Vibe, Wildcat Maxx, and Wildwood travel trailer listed under this Recall.

If your dealership has already performed the remedy to 2020 Forest River Freedom Express, Salem, Stealth EVO, Vibe, Wildcat Maxx, and Wildwood travel trailer, your dealership is entitled to the reimbursement as stated above by filing a claim using the indicated repair code(s). If the remedy needs to be performed on an out of warranty 2020 Forest River Freedom Express, Salem, Stealth EVO, Vibe, Wildcat Maxx, and Wildwood travel trailer in which the VIN falls under as stated in the identified VIN listing, your dealership is entitled to the reimbursement as stated above by filing a claim using the indicated repair code(s).

Notice:

In no manner shall a Forest River Product Owner or Coachmen Product Owner be charged any fee(s) for scheduling, conduction or completion of the recall. Additionally, all dealership(s) that are Forest River and/or Coachmen dealership(s) are Federally Mandated to perform the recall once presented with this recall whether by the Owner or Dealership receipt of this letter, without denial of service to the Owner. Lastly, denial of a remedy for this recall is a Federal Violation punishable by law resulting substantial fines and/or civil penalties.

Federal Regulation requires that any lessor receiving this Recall must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days. If your dealership no longer owns this vehicle, please inform the Warranty Manager of the product listed above of the change of ownership.

Sincerely,
Cherie Schmucker
Forest River, Inc.
Office Manager
Office of Corporate Compliance