

June 25, 2021

Mr. Mike Becker Director of Corporate Compliance Forest River, Inc. 2324 Century Drive Goshen, IN 46528

Subject: Incorrect Seat Belt Capacity on Placard/FMVSS 120

Dear Mr. Becker:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years: EAST TO WEST/ENTRADA/2021

Mfr's Report Date: June 25, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-475

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS SEAT BELTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 5

#### **Problem Description:**

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2021 East to West Entrada Class C Motorhomes. The federal placard incorrectly states that there are six seats equipped with seat belts when there are actually only four. As such, these motorhomes fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 120, " Tire selection and rims and motor home/ recreation vehicle trailer load carrying capacity information for motor vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds)."

#### **Consequence:**

Vehicle occupants may be unaware of the accurate number of seat belts, resulting in unsecured passengers and increasing the risk of injury in a crash.

# **Remedy:**

Forest River will provide a new federal placard, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed July 21, 2021. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-574-264-6664. Forest River's number for this recall is 504-1374.

#### Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

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We have received Forest River's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

## Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Please revise the dates in the chronology to reflect the correct calendar year.

#### AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

## AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Forest River, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Alex Ansley Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement

