

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

April 22, 2022

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

Subject: Cracked LP Gas Quick Disconnect Fitting

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:

COACHMEN/ADRENALINE/2021-2022

COACHMEN/APEX/2021-2022

COACHMEN/CATALINA/2021-2022

COACHMEN/CROSS TRAIL/2022

COACHMEN/FREEDOM EXPRESS/2021-2022

COACHMEN/FREELANDER/2022-2023

COACHMEN/LEPRECHAUN/2021-2023

COACHMEN/PRISM/2022

COACHMEN/SPIRIT/2021-2022

EAST TO WEST/ALTA/2021-2022

EAST TO WEST/DELLA TERRA/2021-2022

EAST TO WEST/SILVER LAKE/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/AURORA/2022

FOREST RIVER/CEDAR CREEK/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/CHEROKEE/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/COLUMBUS/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/FLAGSTAFF/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/IMPRESSION/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/OZARK/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/RAINIER/2022

FOREST RIVER/ROCKWOOD/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/SABRE/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/SALEM/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/SANDSTORM/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/SHOCKWAVE/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/STEALTH/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/STEALTH EVO/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/VENGEANCE/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/VIBE/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/WILDCAT/2022

FOREST RIVER/WILDWOOD/2021-2022

FOREST RIVER/WORK AND PLAY/2022



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FOREST RIVER/XLR TOYHAULER/2021-2022

PALOMINO/PUMA/2021-2022

PRIME TIME/AVENGER/2021-2022

PRIME TIME/CRUSADER/2021-2022

PRIME TIME/LACROSSE/2021-2022

PRIME TIME/SANIBEL/2021-2022

PRIME TIME/TRACER/2022

SHASTA/OASIS/2021-2022

Mfr's Report Date: April 13, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-243

## **Components:**

EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER: LPG SYSTEMS: LINES AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 99,278

## **Problem Description:**

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2021-2022 Coachmen Adrenaline, Apex, Catalina, Freedom Express, Spirit, East to West Alta, Della Terra, Silver Lake, Forest River Cedar Creek, Cherokee, Columbus, Flagstaff, Impression, Ozark, Rockwood, Sabre, Salem, Sandstorm, Shockwave, Stealth, Stealth Evo, Vengeance, Vibe, Wildwood, XLR Toyhauler, Palomino Puma, Prime Time Avenger, Crusader, Lacrosse, Sanibel, Shasta Oasis, 2022 Coachmen Cross Trail, Prism, Forest River Aurora, Rainier, Wildcat, Work and Play, Prime Time Tracer, 2021-2023 Coachmen Leprechaun, and 2022-2023 Coachmen Freelander fifth wheel and travel trailer recreational vehicles.

The quick disconnect fittings in the LP gas system may be cracked, causing a gas leak.

## **Consequence:**

A gas leak in the presence of an ignition source can increase the risk of a fire.

#### **Remedy:**

Dealers will inspect the LP system quick disconnect fittings for cracks, perform a LP system leak test, and replace any fittings as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 23, 2022. Owners may contact the applicable customer service number for their vehicle model. Please see the recall report for the list of phone numbers.

#### **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.

## Please ensure the following requirements are met:

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).



Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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