IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL INFORMATION



Issued in Accordance With Federal Law



Corporate Compliance PO Box 30 Middlebury, In 46540

NHTSA RECALL: 22V477 CANADA RECALL: 2022-358 FR ID: 51-1529

<<VIN>> <<OWNER NAME/DEALERNAME>> <<ADDRESS>> <<CITY>>, <<ST>> <<ZIP-XXX>>





Our records indicate your vehicle has <u>not</u> been remedied; for your Safety and the Safety of others, please have your vehicles' recall remedied as soon as possible.

March 2024

This Notice applies to your vehicle VIN listed above.

Dear Forest River Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *Motor Vehicle Safety Act*. This notice is also sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the United States' *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*. Forest has decided that a defect, which relates to the motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2020 – 2022 Coachmen Catalina and 2021 – 2022 Forest River Aurora travel trailer recreational vehicles. This is to inform you that your vehicle may contain a defect that could affect the safety of a person.

WHAT IS THE DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE?

The breakaway switch wire was connected to a mini-breaker that was connected to the auxiliary side of the battery disconnect. By the breakaway switch being wired to the auxiliary side of the battery disconnect, it is not supplying constant power to the switch, therefore, the switch may not engage when needed and consequently not allow the trailer brakes to activate.

EVALUATION OF THE RISK TO THE VEHICLE AND OPERATOR(S) RELATED TO THE RECALL.

If battery disconnect is in the "off" position, the breakaway switch will not engage when needed, the trailer brakes will not activate which may lead to a crash.

WHAT IS FOREST RIVER AND OUR DEALERSHIPS GOING TO DO?

Forest River is notifying dealerships of the recall. You may have the recall corrected at any Forest River dealership. However, it is preferable if you have your selling dealership perform the remedy. Forest River completely covers your cost for the remedy; you will not receive any bill of sale for anything covered under the above recall number.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Please contact your dealer immediately and request a service appointment to schedule the free remedy for inspecting the wiring to the breakaway switch and rewire if needed so that the breakaway switch will activate properly. The vehicle Owner is responsible for arranging to have the work completed. Please state you have been notified by Forest River of having a recall in process for your vehicle and provide the recall number for the dealership. It is also helpful to the dealership to have a copy of this letter when you take your vehicle in for the recall remedy. You may also visit www.forestriverinc.com for dealer locations.

HOW LONG WILL THE REMEDY PROCESS TAKE?

The estimated time of repair is .30 hours. However, the dealership may need to keep your vehicle or schedule an appointment with you for a later date to fit into their regular service schedule.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR REPAIRS TO YOUR VEHICLE FOR THIS PARTICULAR CONDITION?

If you have already paid for a repair that is within the scope of this defect under recall, you still need to have this recall inspected and/or performed to ensure the correct parts and procedures were utilized.

Additionally, you may be eligible for a refund of previously paid repairs. Refunds will only be provided for within the scope of this defect under recall.



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Please send the service invoice to the following address:

Catalina & Aurora Forest River, Inc. Attn: WARRANTY MANAGER PO Box 30 Middlebury, IN 46540

WHAT IF YOU NO LONGER OWN THIS VEHICLE?

If you no longer own this vehicle and have the address for the current owner, please forward this letter to the new owner within 10 working days after the day in which the notice is received. You have received this letter because government regulations require that a notification is sent to the last known owner of record. Our records indicate that you are the current owner.

PLEASE NOTE: FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES THAT ANY VEHICLE LESSOR RECEIVING THIS RECALL NOTICE MUST FORWARD A COPY OF THIS NOTICE TO THE LESSEE WITHIN TEN DAYS.

WHAT IF I HAVE ALEADY HAD THIS RECALL PERFORMED?

Please provide a copy of the work order, or invoice showing the recall was performed. Please ensure the VIN is visible on the paperwork and send it to:

Email: occinfo@forestriverinc.com

Mail: Forest River Office of Corporate Compliance

PO Box 30 Middlebury, IN 46540

MAY FOREST RIVER ASSIST YOU FURTHER?

If you have difficulties getting your vehicle repaired, please contact your Forest River Representative listed below:

CONTACT	PHONE
CUSTOMER SERVICE	(574) 825-8657

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle/towable repaired in a reasonable amount of time or without change, you may write to the following address:

For US Owners Please Contact:

Administrator National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

Or you may call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 or (TTY: 1-800-424-9153).

Or visit www.safercar.gov and search; Recall ID: 22V477

For Canadian Owners Please Contact:

Head of Recalls Motor Vehicle Safety Investigations Laboratory Transport Canada 80 Noël street, Gatineau, Quebec, J8Z 0A1

Telephone (800) 333-0510 Facsimile (819) 420-4292

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Sincerely, Forest River Inc. Office of Corporate Compliance