

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23V-015

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.

Submission Date : JAN 20, 2023

NHTSA Recall No. : 23V-015

Manufacturer Recall No. : 24-1592



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.

Address : 55470 CR 1

P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart IN 46515-3030

Company phone : 1-800-348-7440

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 296

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2017 Forest River Inc. Ameralite Cargo Trailers

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The scope was determined by purchasing records of the delivery dates of the material.

US – See Attached Spreadsheet

Production Dates : AUG 03, 2015 - MAY 24, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The drawbars welded to the vehicle may be out of specification for the vehicles' Gross Vehicle Weight Rating ("GVWR").

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The drawbars have an elevated risk of fracture and full failure while traveling. Should the drawbars fracture or fail, the vehicle/trailer has an elevated increase to cause a crash.

Description of the Cause : The gauge of the tubes used to manufacture the drawbars are insufficient for the vehicles' GVWR.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Tongue Tube

Component Description : 3 x 3 x .188" Tube

Component Part Number : 549003

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On January 13, 2023, Forest River's Office of Corporate Compliance ("OCC") was notified by the manufacturing plant of six drawbar failures in the field of certain 2015 and 2016 Amera-Lite "Drive On/Off" Cargo Trailers. On January 16, 2023, OCC opened an investigation into the concern.

On January 18, 2023, using manufacturing records, OCC and the manufacturing plant determined the scope of the potentially affected vehicles.

On January 20, 2023, Forest River's Corporate Recall Committee voted to recall.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River will provide all parts and labor free of charge to Consumers and Dealers. An authorized Forest River dealer will need to perform the remedy to replace the draw bar.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (574)
848-1335

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.

Please send the service invoice to the following address:

US Cargo
Forest River, Inc.
Attn: WARRANTY MANAGER
1280 Commerce Dr.
Bristol, IN 46507

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The Drawbars will now have the correct gauge of tubes.
Affected Component – Tongue Tube
Component Description - 3 x 3 x .188" Tube
Part Number – 549003

Replacement Component – Tongue Tube
Component Description - 3" x 5" x .250", Double Hollow Tube
Part Number – 06-08-030

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Using the purchasing records, it was determined that in December of 2015 the shipments of incorrect material was last delivered. Forest River is expanding the scope of the recall into May of 2016 to inspect and remedy to help ensure all vehicles are captured.

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 : MAR 01, 2023 - MAR 01, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 01, 2023 - MAR 01, 2023

* NR - Not Reported