

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



DEPARTMENT OF COMPLIANCE
VEHICLE SAFETY AND RECALL MANAGEMENT
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NHTSA RECALL: 23V015
CANADA RECALL: 2023-014
FR ID: 24-1592

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

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

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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 has decided that a safety defect exists in certain 2016-2017 Ameralite Cargo Trailers. 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 08/03/2015 through 05/24/2016.

WHAT IS THE DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE?

The drawbars welded to the vehicle may be out of specification for the vehicles’ Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (“GVWR”).

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

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.

SERVICE PROCEDURE:

Dealership Service Department procedures can be found on Dealer Connect. Please review the remedy instructions for inspection. Once the inspection is performed, see “Next Steps” before proceeding.

PARTS AND RETURN:

Prior Authorization and pictures are required for the inspection. Pictures of the inspection are a condition of payment in which must be provided with a claim against the repair code.

DEALER REPAIR CODES: Dealer Connect

UNITED STATES	CANADA	REPAIR CODE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOWABLE HOUR(S)
23V015	2023-014	RC-094-05-00-004296	INSPECTION ONLY	.25 HRS.

HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION:

CONTACT	PHONE
CUSTOMER SERVICE	(574) 848-1335

The Recall shall be considered the utmost priority to remedy the 2016-2017 Ameralite Cargo Trailers in question. **The retail consumer shall not be charged** any amount of monies for remedy to their 2016-2017 Ameralite Cargo Trailers listed under this Recall.

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If your dealership has already performed the remedy to 2016-2017 Ameralite Cargo Trailers, 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 2016-2017 Ameralite Cargo Trailers 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,
Forest River, Inc.
Office of Corporate Compliance