

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

April 9, 2024

Mr. Keith Fisher Compliance Engineer Forest River Bus, LLC 2367 Century Drive Goshen, IN 46528 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NEF-107KL 24V-253

Subject: Unsecured Brake Lines May Become Damaged

Dear Mr. Fisher:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River Bus, LLC'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:

CHAMPION/CHALLENGER/2023-2024 ELDORADO/ADVANTAGE/2022-2024 ELKHART/ELKC/2023-2024 GLAVAL BUS/UNIVERSAL/2019-2024 STARCRAFT BUS/ALLSTAR /2018-2024 STARCRAFT BUS/ALLSTAR MVP/2022-2024 STARCRAFT BUS/CANDIDATE II/2018 STARCRAFT BUS/SENATOR II/2018-2024 STARCRAFT BUS/SENATOR II MVP/2022-2024 STARCRAFT BUS/STARLITE/2023

Mfr's Report Date: April 5, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-253

### **Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3,680

#### **Problem Description:**

Forest River Bus, LLC. (Forest River Bus) is recalling certain 2018-2024 Starcraft Allstar, Senator II, 2022-2024 Starcraft Allstar MVP, Senator II MVP, Eldorado National Advantage, 2018 Starcraft Candidate II, 2023 Starcraft Starlite, 2023-2034 Champion Challenger, Elkhart Coach ELKC, and 2019-2024 Glaval Universal transit buses. Unsecured brake lines may be damaged by contact with the frame rail.

## **Consequence:**

Damaged brake lines can cause loss of brake pressure, increasing the risk of a crash.



#### Remedy:

Dealers will inspect and secure the brake lines, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 15, 2024. Owners may contact Forest River Bus Customer Service Phone Number at 1-800-348-7440. Forest River Bus number for this recall is 05-1756.

#### **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.

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 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).

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Forest River Bus, LLC'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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Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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