



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

June 14, 2024

Mr. Keith Fisher
Compliance Engineer
Forest River Bus, LLC
2367 Century Drive
Goshen, IN 46528

NEF-107KL
24V-429

Subject: Insufficient Barrier Performance/FMVSS 222

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:

FOREST RIVER BUS/STARCRAFT MFSAB/PRODIGY/2009-2010, 2012
Forest River Bus/STARCRAFT ALL STAR XL/2016, 2019
Forest River Bus/STARCRAFT ALLSTAR MPV/2013-2016
Forest River Bus/STARCRAFT ALLSTAR XL MVP/2016-2018
Forest River Bus/STARCRAFT MFSAB/PRODIGY/2013-2018
Forest River Bus/STARCRAFT MPV/PRODIGY BUS/2013, 2015-2018
STARCRAFT BUS/PRODIGY/2009-2010
STARCRAFT BUS/QUEST/2009-2022
STARCRAFT BUS/QUEST XL/2011, 2014-2016

Mfr's Report Date: June 12, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-429

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,192

Problem Description:

Forest River Bus, LLC (Forest River) is recalling certain 2013-2016 Starcraft Allstar MVP, 2016 and 2019 Allstar XL, 2016-2018 Allstar XL MVP, 2009-2010 and 2012-2018 Starcraft MFSAB/Prodigy, 2014-2016 Quest XL, 2013 and 2015-2018 Starcraft MPV/Prodigy, 2009-2010 Prodigy, 2009-2022 Quest, 2011 Quest XL school buses. The restraining barrier may not provide sufficient protection in a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

An insufficient restraining barrier can increase the risk of injury in a crash.



Remedy:

The remedy is currently under development. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed July 10, 2024. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-800-348-7440. Forest River's number for this recall is 05-1584.

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.safercar.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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,

Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement