



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

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NEF-107KL  
24V-846

**Subject:** Solar Panel Wiring May Melt and Cause Fire

Dear Mr. Becker:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River, Inc.'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:**

AURORA/ART24RBS/2025  
AURORA/ART26ATH-300/2025  
AURORA/ART28BHS-300/2024-2025  
CATALINA/CAT243RBSLE/2025  
CATALINA/CAT263BHSCKLE-300/2024-2025  
CATALINA/CAT26TH-300/2025  
CATALINA/CAT283EPIC-300/2024-2025  
CATALINA/CAT293QBCKLE-300/2024-2025

**Mfr's Report Date:** November 8, 2024

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 24V-846

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:ELECTRICAL:ACCESSORY GENERATOR:SOLAR PANEL  
EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER:120/240 VAC ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 498

**Problem Description:**

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain 2024-2025 Catalina and Aurora travel trailers. Please see the recall report for a complete list of models. The solar panel wiring may be incorrectly wired, causing the wiring to short and overheat.

**Consequence:**

Overheated wiring can melt, increasing the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

Dealers will rewire the solar panel to the solar controller, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed

December 18, 2024. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-574-825-4995. Forest River's number for this recall is 300-1863.

**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 [nhtsa.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov).

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).

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, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
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Enforcement