

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V-111

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.

Submission Date : MAR 05, 2025

NHTSA Recall No. : 25V-111

Manufacturer Recall No. : 51-1895



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 : 1,833

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2017-2025 Forest River Inc. Coachmen Catalina Travel Trailers

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The scope was determined since inception of the model(s) to current date.

2017
CATALINA
BCAT261BHS
34
2017
CATALINA
CAT261BHS
156
2018
CATALINA
BCAT261BHS
110
2018
CATALINA
CAT261BHS
141
2019
CATALINA
CAT261BHS
405
2020
CATALINA
CAT261BHS
177
2024
CATALINA
CAT221MKE
98
2025
CATALINA
ACAT261BHS
51
2025
CATALINA
CAT221MKE
23

Production Dates : SEP 07, 2016 - JAN 15, 2025

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2020-2025 Forest River Inc. Aurora Travel Trailers

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The scope was determined since inception of the model(s) to current date.

2020

AURORA

ART26BHS

16

2021

AURORA

ART26BHS

32

2023

AURORA

ART26BHS

94

2024

AURORA

ART26BHS

189

2025

AURORA

AART26BHS

142

2025

AURORA

ART26BHS

99

Production Dates : JAN 21, 2020 - FEB 11, 2025

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2025-2025 Forest River Inc. Puma PUT429LFT

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 2025

PUMA

PUT429LFT

65

The scope was determined since inception of the model(s) to current date.

Production Dates : OCT 21, 2024 - FEB 19, 2025

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating "GVWR" printed on the FED Tag may exceed the safety chain rating.

FMVSS 1 : 110 - Tire selection and rims

FMVSS 2 : 120 - Wheels and rims- other than passenger cars

Description of the Safety Risk : A vehicle may be inadvertently overloaded. This condition may lead to property damage or a crash.

Description of the Cause : Engineering Error

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Federal Placard

Component Description : Federal Placard

Component Part Number : N/A

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On February 13, 2025, Forest River's Office of Corporate Compliance ("OCC") was notified of an audit that the chassis supplier had conducted on or around February 10, 2025, in which the chassis audit revealed the GVWR printed on the FED Tag was greater than the capacity of the safety chains. OCC opened a research item into the concern the same day.

On February 14, 2025, OCC identified additional models with the same error.

On February 21, 2025, Forest Rivers Corporate Committee voted to recall.

On March 5, 2025, OCC concluded its review of model GVWR data. OCC identified a single Puma model having same concern, across the rest of all Forest River divisions. This will increase the scope from 1,767 to 1,833.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River will provide all parts and labor free of charge to Consumers and Dealers. A replacement Federal Placard will be sent to all consumers and Dealers with instructions on how to apply the replacement Federal Placard.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number?

Catalina & Aurora (574) 825-4995

Puma (574) 642-0588

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:

Catalina and Aurora
423 N Main St.
Middlebury, IN 46540

Puma
2551 Century Dr.
Goshen, IN 46528

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Affected Component – Federal Placard
P/N – N/A

The Federal Placard will now have the correct GVWR listed.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Vehicles in manufacturing had their safety chains changed from a 7,600 lbs. rated safety chains to 11,700 lbs. safety chains during the week of February 17, 2025. Vehicles in commerce, will be issued a replacement FED Tag to derate the vehicle at or under 7,600 lbs.

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 : APR 02, 2025 - APR 02, 2025

Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 02, 2025 - APR 02, 2025

* NR - Not Reported