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of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V013

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.

Submission Date: Jan 16, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V013

Manufacturer Recall No.: 210-2013

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Forest River, Inc.

Address: 55470 CR 1
P.O. Box 3030
Elkhart IN, 46515-3030

Total number of potentially involved: 16

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 FOREST RIVER FREELANDER

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Recreational Vehicle

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Sep 08, 2025 - Dec 19, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 16

Descriptive Information:

The scope was determined using manufacturing records of when the manufacturing plant began installing the solar panel prep.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The solar panel prep is connected to the constant "12V HOT" side of the 50AMP mini-breaker, which is wired directly to the battery through a 250AMP mini-breaker, lacking proper over-current protection.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

The solar panel prep wire may be unprotected from the battery. This condition may lead to a fire and property damage.

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Manufacturing Error.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

None

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:**Supplier Type:****Name:****Address:****Country:**

Involved Components

Component Name 1: 12V WIRING**Component Description:** 12V WIRING**Component Part Number:** N/A

Chronology

On January 9, 2026, Forest River's Office of Corporate Compliance ("OCC") was informed that during a Corporate Standards Audit, it was discovered that the manufacturing plant was connecting the 10AWG. Solar panel prep wire to the constant hot side of a 50AMP mini-breaker in production. OCC opened a research item.

On January 16, 2026, Forest Rivers Corporate Committee voted to recall. A stop sale notice has been issued.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Repair

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Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Forest River will provide all parts and labor free of charge to Consumers and Dealers. An authorized Forest River dealer will need to perform the remedy to inspect the wiring and correct the wiring by moving the solar panel prep wire to the protected side of an added 30AMP breaker that is powered from the hot side of the 50AMP breaker.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (574) 825-8602

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:

Freelander
423 N Main St.
Middlebury, IN 46540

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Affected Component – 12V Wiring

The solar panel prep wire will now be wired properly.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The week of January 9, 2026, the manufacturing plant began moving the solar panel prep wire to the protected side of an added 30AMP breaker that is powered from the hot side of the 50AMP breaker via a copper plate in production and on vehicles in the holding yard.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

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: Feb 25, 2026 - Feb 25, 2026 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: No Owners

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Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Feb 25, 2026 - Feb 25, 2026 Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: