



U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V014

Manufacturer Name: Forest River Bus, LLC

Submission Date: Jan 16, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V014

Manufacturer Recall No.: 05-2015

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Forest River Bus, LLC

Address: 2367 Century Drive
Goshen IN, 46528

Total number of potentially involved: 67

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2026 FOREST RIVER BUS TRANS TECH SCHOOL BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: School Bus

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Feb 06, 2025 - Dec 12, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 67

Descriptive Information:

Forest River Bus, LLC determined through a detailed vehicle weight analysis audit that certain school bus models were overweight on the rear GAWR.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Units were built with seating capabilities that would lead to an overloaded rear axle. Seating capacity is incorrect and a violation of FMVSS 120.

FMVSS1: 120 - Wheels and rims- other than passenger cars

FMVSS2:

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

Overloading the rear axle may cause handling issues, drivability and integrity of the rear tires increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the cause:

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Units were weighed and were within the GVWR. Independent axle weights were not properly evaluated.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

None

Component Manufacturer

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

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Seats**Component Description:** Seats**Component Part Number:** N/A

Chronology

On September 12, 2025, Forest River received a complaint from a bus owner that one of their vehicles failed a state DOT inspection. Failure was due to the rear axle loaded beyond its GAWR. On the same day, Forest River started evaluating all School buses built in this facility. This took some time as each model has multiple configurations depending on the specific purchaser of the bus.

On January 9, 2026, Forest River completed the evaluation.

On January 16, 2026, Forest Rivers Corporate Recall Committee voted to recall.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

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Remedy Type: Disconnect/Disable

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. Forest River Bus dealerships will modify the seating in accordance to Forest River Bus's modified floor plan. Each consumer will be reimbursed an appropriate amount for the loss of seating capacity per bus for this recall.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? 1-800-348-7440

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:

Forest River Bus
Attn: Larry Knefely
2367 Century Drive
Goshen, IN 46528

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Recalled units will have a modified seating capacity.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Seating floor plans were altered to meet the applicable weight capacity requirements.

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: