



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V040

Manufacturer Name: Forest River Bus, LLC

Submission Date: Jan 27, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V040

Manufacturer Recall No.: 551-2023

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Forest River Bus, LLC

Address: 2367 Century Drive
Goshen IN, 46528

Total number of potentially involved: 19

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 FOREST RIVER BUS COLLINS BUS

Product Category: Buses, Medium & Heavy Vehicles

Product Type: Transit Bus

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Oct 14, 2025 - Jan 13, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 19

Descriptive Information:

We determined that the concern originated with two operators in that area and traced it back to when they began performing the job.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The adhesive bead placement was not located under the mounting flanges of the body panel joints and thus not performing its intended purposes, resulting in a non-compliance of FMVSS 221.

FMVSS1: 221 - School bus body joint strength

FMVSS2:

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

Separated body panels can reduce structural integrity, increasing the risk of injury in a crash.

Description of the cause:

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Not following engineering guidelines and instructions.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

None

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: ADHESIVE

Component Description: ADHESIVE

Component Part Number: N/A

Chronology

On January 13, 2026, Engineering found the concern while working in the department in a support role. Starting that same day through January 21, 2026, a review of production was done, and other vehicles were found that exhibited this non-compliance.

On January 23, 2026, Forest Rivers Corporate recall committee voted to recall.

On January 27, 2026, an amendment was made to include the safety risk.

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 vehicle for proper adhesive and add if necessary.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? 620-888-3310

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:

Collins Bus
415 West 6th Avenue
South Hutchinson, KS 67505

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Adhesive

The operator will now follow the proper guidelines for the proper application of the structural adhesive used to apply the body panel.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The concern was corrected on January 13, 2026. Operators were trained in the proper application of the structural adhesive used to apply the body panel.

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: Mar 04, 2026 - Mar 04, 2026 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: No Owners

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Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Mar 04, 2026 - Mar 04, 2026 Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: