

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL



FOREST RIVER

DEPARTMENT OF COMPLIANCE
VEHICLE SAFETY AND RECALL MANAGEMENT
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NHTSA RECALL: 26V040
FOREST RIVER ID: 551-2023
SERVICE CAMPAIGN: B000089

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<<ADDRESS>>
<<CITY>>, <<ST>> <<ZIP-XXX>>

- o Integrity
- o Safety
- o Quality
- o Customer Service

February 2026

Pursuant to USC49CFR §577.13 – Notification to Dealerships and Distributors – Paragraph B

“It is a violation of Federal Law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by the notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied. Substantial civil penalties apply to violations of this law.”

–Forest River motorized and towable products are contained in this section-

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the United States' *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*. Forest River has decided that certain 2026-2027 Collins Transit Buses fail to comply with the requirements of *Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 221, "School Bus Body Joint Strength."*

The designated Date range of production is October 14, 2025, through January 13, 2026.

WHAT IS THE 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.

EVALUATION OF RISK:

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

SERVICE PROCEDURE:

Dealership Service Department procedures can be found on Dealer Connect.

DEALER REPAIR CODES: Dealer Connect

UNITED STATES	REPAIR CODE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOWABLE HOUR(S)
26V040	RC-084-00-09-004348	PERFORM REMEDY	.50 HR

HELPFUL CONTACT INFORMATION:

CONTACT	PHONE
CUSTOMER SERVICE	(620) 888-3310

The Recall shall be considered the utmost priority to remedy the 2026-2027 Collins Transit Buses in question. **The retail consumer shall not be charged** any amount of monies for remedy to their 2026-2027 Collins Transit Buses listed under this Recall.

If your dealership has already performed the remedy to 2026-2027 Collins Transit Buses, your dealership is entitled to the reimbursement as stated above by filing a claim using the indicated repair code(s). If the remedy needs to be performed on an out of warranty 2026-2027 Collins Transit Buses in which the VIN falls under as stated in the identified VIN listing, your dealership is entitled to the reimbursement as stated above by filing a claim using the indicated repair code(s).

Notice:

In no manner shall a Forest River Bus Product Owner be charged any fee(s) for scheduling, conduction or completion of the recall. Additionally, all dealership(s) that are Forest River Bus are Federally Mandated to perform the recall once

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presented with this recall whether by the Owner or Dealership receipt of this letter, without denial of service to the Owner. Lastly, denial of a remedy for this recall is a Federal Violation punishable by law resulting substantial fines and/or civil penalties.

Federal Regulation requires that any lessor receiving this Recall must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days. If your dealership no longer owns this vehicle, please inform the Warranty Manager of the product listed above of the change of ownership.

Sincerely,
Forest River
Office of Corporate Compliance