

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-067

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.**Submission Date :** JAN 25, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-067**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 400-0612**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 : 253

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2018 Forest River, Inc. PALOMINO – PALOMINI - 178RK, 180FB, 182SK, PAT132, PAT132FD, PAT160, PAT160RB, PAT177, PAT177BH

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Forest River reviewed the subject part, installation practices, and warranty claims. The first shipment of affected LP Bottle Rings were delivered on May 19, 2017, according to the purchasing records and bills of lading and used in production until January 10, 2018.

Production Dates : MAY 19, 2017 - JAN 10, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2018-2018 Forest River, Inc. PALOMINO – PALOMINI - PAT177BH-W, PAT177ORV, PAT177ORVBH, PAT177ORVBH-W, PAT177-W, PAT178, PAT178RK, PAT178RK-W

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Vehicle 3 : 2018-2018 Forest River, Inc. PALOMINO – PALOMINI - PAT178-W, PAT179, PAT179BHS, PAT179BHS-W, PAT180, PAT180FB, PAT180FB-W, PAT180-W, PAT181

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Vehicle 4 : 2018-2018 Forest River, Inc. PALOMINO – PALOMINI - PAT181FBS, PAT181-W, PAT182, PAT182SK, PAT182SK-W, PAT182-W, RL-179, RL-180

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The Single LP Bottle Ring has an incorrectly oriented bend in the mounting bracket which may cause the bracket to break under certain conditions.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the LP Bottle Ring bracket breaks, excessive vibration or movement could impact the stability of the second bracket and could cause the LP Bottle to fall off the vehicle, increasing the risk of in property damage or personal injury.

Description of the Cause : A modification to the LP Bottle Ring design was less robust than the previous design.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : An Owner or Dealer may notice that one of the brackets fastened to the chassis body is broken or the fastener head is missing.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On January 16, 2018, Forest River's Palomino Division contacted the Office of Corporate Compliance about an elevated number of warranty claims related to their LP Bottle Ring and an investigation was initiated. During the investigation, Forest River reviewed the subject part, installation practices, and warranty claims and observed an increasing warranty claim trend over several months. All of the warranty claims involved reports that a single LP Bottle Ring mounting bracket had broken with no reports of property damage or injury.

The investigation further revealed that a change was made to the LP bracket design which changed the orientation of the bend in the mounting bracket. Forest River is not aware of any warranty claims or other data involving brackets produced prior to the design change.

On January 19, 2018 Forest River decided to conduct a recall to address this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River will provide a new LP Bottle Ring and labor, free of charge. A dealer must install the replacement LP Bottle Ring.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (269)
432-3246

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The original design of the LP Bottle Ring dictates that the mounting brackets are bent 90 degrees outboard of the ring whereas the subject Ring has mounting brackets bent 90 degrees inboard towards the ring.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The original design of the LP Bottle Rings were reintroduced into production the week of January 12, 2018. All stock of the subject modified LP Bottle Ring were removed from the manufacturing facility.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Forest River has the utmost urgency in our recalls. Forest River will send suspected VINs 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 22, 2018 - MAR 22, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 22, 2018 - MAR 22, 2018

* NR - Not Reported