

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-428

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.**Submission Date :** JUN 25, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-428**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 69-0764**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 : 64

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2019 Forest River, Inc. WILDWOOD - WBF286RL, WBF29RLSHL, WBF337BAR, WBF356QB, WBF368RLBHK, WBF370BL, WBF370BL-W, WBF372RD, WBF378FL

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The Salem and Wildwood manufacturing plant was able to determine the affected vehicles using the purchasing and production schedule records, Forest River was able to determine the beginning and ending VIN's. The recall population includes all units produced where the breakaway switch was not wired to constant power and excludes units after a production change was made on June 19, 2018.

Production Dates : MAY 21, 2018 - JUN 19, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2019-2019 Forest River, Inc. SALEM - SBF286RL, SBF337BAR, SBF370BL, SBF372RD, SBF372RD-W

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Production Dates : JUN 07, 2018 - JUN 19, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The break-away safety switch is not wired to constant power and may be disconnected from the trailer house battery by the operator when switching off the battery disconnect.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the vehicle operator turned off the battery disconnect switch, and in the event of a trailer separating from a tow vehicle, if the break-away switch is not wired to constant power, the brakes of the tow vehicle will not engage, increasing the risk of loss of vehicle control and a crash.

Description of the Cause : The process for wiring the break-away switch wire was not consistently followed during production.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

During a routine internal Corporate Quality Control Inspection of the Salem and Wildwood plant's manufacturing processes, on June 19, 2018, the in-house auditor discovered that the plant had not wired the vehicles' break-away switch to constant power. The breakaway switch could be manually shut off by the operator turning the trailer house battery switch to the "Off" position on specific models. The same day, Forest River's Salem and Wildwood Division contacted Forest River's Office of Corporate Compliance ("OCC") and an investigation into the issue was initiated. The investigation revealed that the breakaway switch was not being consistently wired according to specifications during the manufacturing process.

Forest River reviewed internal data and found no warranty claims or customer complaints potentially related to this issue.

On June 22, 2018, Forest River's Corporate Committee decided to conduct a recall.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Forest River will provide a wiring harness and diagram, and labor free of charge. A dealership must install the new wiring harness.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (574)
534-4058

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : When the new wiring harness is installed, the break-away switch wiring will bypass the battery disconnect switch so that the break-away switch has constant power.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : This issue was corrected in production the week of June 19, 2018.

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 : AUG 04, 2018 - AUG 04, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : AUG 04, 2018 - AUG 04, 2018

* NR - Not Reported