

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-545

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.**Submission Date :** AUG 17, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-545**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 220/320-0825**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 : 69

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2019 Forest River Inc. Freedom Express - FET192RBS, FET21TQX-320, FET23TQX-320, FET246RKS-320, FET246RKS-320-W, FET248RBS-320, FET248RBS-320-W, FET257BHS-320, FET257BHS-320-W, FET275BHS-320, FET275BHS-320-W, FET281RLDSLE-320, FET287BHDS-320, FET292BHDS-320

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : On July 25th a battery cut off switch was installed for Model change.

Production Dates : JUL 26, 2018 - AUG 06, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2019-2019 Forest River Inc. Freedom Express - FET310BHDS-320, FET310BHDSLE-320, FET310BHDSLE-320-W, FET320BHDSLE-320, FET321FEDSLE-320

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : On July 25th a battery cut off switch was installed for Model change.

Production Dates : JUL 26, 2018 - AUG 08, 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 inadvertently disconnected from the trailer house battery by the vehicle operator.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

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

On 8/08/2018, the manufacturing plant raised an issue with Forest River's Office of Corporate Compliance. The manufacturing plant had become aware through Service Manager that the process for installing the break-away switch was not consistently followed during the trailer production process. In some cases, the hot wire for the brake breakaway switch was inadvertently wired through the trailer house battery cutoff switch. If this occurred, the breakaway switch would not receive constant power from the tow vehicle and the tow vehicle brakes will not engage the trailer. .

On 8/10/2018 The CRC team voted to recall

Description of Remedy :

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

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? (574)
825-8657

How Remedy Component Differs When the new wiring harness is installed, the break-away switch wiring will bypass the battery disconnect switch so that the break-away switch

from Recalled Component : has constant power.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : This issue was corrected in production on 8/8/2018

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 15, 2018 - SEP 24, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : AUG 15, 2018 - SEP 24, 2018

* NR - Not Reported