

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-879

Manufacturer Name : Forest River, Inc.**Submission Date :** DEC 11, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-879**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 51-0923**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 : 128

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2019 Forest River Inc. Apex - AAPT185BH, AAPT185BH-W, AAPT193BHS, AAPT193BHS-W, AAPT203RBK, AAPT208BHS, AAPT208BHS-W, AAPT213RDS, AAPT213RDS-W, Spirit - SBT2454BH, SBT2963BH, Impression - MPT24BH, MPT26BH, Tracer - TRT22MDB, TRT24DBS, TRT255RB, TRT260KS, TRT26DBS, TRT290BH

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : As per Dexter Axles recall #18E100 - The population was determined based on reviewing maintenance records and determining that the automatic "greasing" feature on a bearing press was not functioning properly on 9/10/18. The work order for the repair was issued before production started on 9/11/18 and completed and logged on 9/11/18 at~ 10AM. As a result, some of the inner bearings, in hubs, assembled onto axles built on 9/10/18 may have insufficient gears on one or more of their bearings.

Models, and # of affected vehicles TBD - will file amendment
12/11/2018 model listing:

Apex - AAPT185BH - 6, AAPT185BH-W - 3, AAPT193BHS - 8, AAPT193BHS-W - 6,
AAPT203RBK - 5, AAPT208BHS - 5, AAPT208BHS-W - 3, AAPT213RDS - 8,
AAPT213RDS-W - 1, Spirit - SBT2454BH - 11, SBT2963BH - 6, Impression - MPT24BH
- 14, MPT26BH - 10, Tracer - TRT22MDB - 1, TRT24DBS - 7, TRT255RB - 4, TRT260KS
- 3, TRT26DBS - 10, TRT290BH - 17

Production Dates : SEP 01, 2018 - OCT 01, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : As per Dexter Axles recall #18E100 - Insufficient grease on inner hub bearings

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : As per Dexter Axles recall #18E100 - Overheating bearings and hubs and possible bearing failure.

Description of the Cause : As per Dexter Axles recall #18E100 - Production equipment malfunction.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : As per Dexter Axles recall #18E100 - Wheel end can run hot and, potentially start to smoke.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Dexter Axle

Address : 2900 Industrial Parkway East
PO BOX 250 Elkhart INDIANA 46516

Country : United States

Chronology :

As per Dexter Axles recall #18E100 - Several axles were returned to Dexter Axle with bearing burnouts. An internal investigation followed. It was determined that all the axles returned with bearing burnouts were built in the same plant on the same day. Following up on that information, it was further determined through the examination of maintenance record that automatic bearing lubrication equipment was nonfunctional during one day of production. Many axles have been inspected that were manufactured on the days immediately before and after the day that this piece of equipment was not functioning. The axles made on those days were properly lubricated.

On 12/03/2018 During review of NHTSA's recall alert email, it was found that several manufactures had filed a 573 regarding Dexter Axles with insufficient grease. Forest River began investigating further and found that Dexter had named Forest River in the recall. On 12/03/2018 Forest River reached out to Dexter and confirmed that Forest River products were affected. Dexter provided us with our notification.

On 12/04/2018 Forest River asked for all purchasing records within the stated time period of as per Dexter's filing of 18E100.

On 12/07/2018 Forest River's Corporate Recall Committee was notified of this pass thru recall.

On 12/10/2018 Forest River filed their 573 report without affected population as it is TBD, will amend with this information

On 12/11/2018 - Amended Recall to report population

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : As per Dexter Axles recall #18E100 - The defect is insufficient grease on the inner bearing. The remedy is to remove the hubs on axles that are part of the population in question. If there is insufficient grease and the bearings are in new condition, the bearings will be repacked and the hubs will be reinstalled. If the bearings appear to show any signs of wear, the hubs and bearings, including cups and cones, will be replaced, with properly packed bearings. If the axle beam shows any damage, it will also be replaced.

What is the Forest River Customer Service Phone Number? TBD upon model verification

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : As per Dexter Axles recall #18E100 - The remedied components: D28H, D35, D40, or D44 model axles; will have hubs with properly lubricated inner bearings.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : As per Dexter Axles recall #18E100 - The recall condition was corrected in production 9/11/19 at approximately 10AM through a maintenance action.

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 : JAN 18, 2019 - JAN 25, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 18, 2019 - JAN 25, 2019

* NR - Not Reported