



## Forest River, Inc.

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

December 4, 2012

Via Email:  
RE: Part 573 Defect Information Report

Dear Sir or Madam

Forest River, Inc. (FR) submits the Defect Information Report pursuant to the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 573 relating to safety related defects in certain trailer wheels supplied by Carlisle Transportation Products (CTP) according to the guidelines submitted by CTP March 21, 2012.

573.6(c)(1): Manufacturer's Name

Carlisle Transportation Products  
13925 Ballantyne Corporate Place  
Suite 400  
Charlotte, NC 25277

573.6(c)(2)(iii): Identification of Motor Vehicle Equipment

Carlisle Toy Hauler Series Trailer Wheels brand names "Black Rock" Yuma, Intruder and Intrepid, under various part numbers built from August 9, 2010 to February 7, 2012. We will be investigating which part numbers FR purchased in the Texas division.

573.6(c)(2)(iv): Manufacturer's Name of Affected Component and Country of Origin

Component: Fitment of Toy Hauler Series trailer wheels

Suppliers are indicated on CTP's reporting of the Defective Information Report.

573.6(c)(3): Total Number of Items of Equipment Potentially Containing the Defect

FR has a count of 2200 units produced between August 11, 2011 and April 11, 2012. We received 430 wheels of which 5 wheels are still at the plant in Waco Texas. We do not have any records indicating which serial number units that the wheels in question were installed on so we will need to address all 2200 units with the dealer or retail customer. This is the break down by

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make and model as well as dates of manufacturing for units built in the Waco, Texas plant in the corresponding date range.

Make	Model	Qty	From	To
Continental Cargo	Auto Plus	31	9/8/2011	3/21/2012
	Auto Master	80	8/11/2011	3/27/2012
	Continental Cargo	73	8/24/2011	3/30/2012
	Junior Automaster	6	9/19/2011	11/29/2011
	Limited Addition Value Hauler	146	8/22/2011	3/27/2012
	Tailwind	227	8/22/2011	4/10/2012
	Value Hauler	595	8/22/2011	4/11/2012
	RS Series	29	8/11/2011	3/30/2012
Cargo Mate	Blazer	263	8/23/2011	3/27/2012
	Cargo Mate	82	8/22/2011	3/27/2012
	Economy Hauler	441	8/30/2011	3/30/2012
	Eliminator	39	8/26/2011	3/30/2012
	Limited Edition Econo Hauler	67	8/23/2011	3/22/2012
	Qualifier	12	9/6/2011	3/22/2012
	Multiple Purpose Trailer	35	9/6/2011	3/27/2012
	Snowbird	2	12/22/2011	1/9/2012
	Travel Companion	8	9/13/2011	3/1/2012
	SS Series	9	12/19/2011	2/7/2012
Rance Aluminum Trailer	Low Rider	3	8/25/2011	9/16/2011
	Ranger	31	8/25/2011	3/27/2012
	Outlaw	1	9/6/2011	9/6/2011
	V-Low	7	8/29/2011	3/2/2012
	Lightning	12	9/7/2011	2/13/2012
Rockport	Work N Tow	1	9/19/2011	9/19/2011

573.6(c)(4): Percentage of Items of Equipment to Actually Contain the Defect

According to the number purchased from CTP, the percentage would be less than 5% of the vehicles that were produced would potentially have the defective wheel. There would be 4 wheels per unit because 85% of the units built had tandem axles. The spare would be a standard steel wheel.

573.6(c)(5): Description of Defect

These wheels were improperly machined for the application of the center cap and the steel lug inserts according to specifications. As a result, the wheels may not properly torque to requirements in the mounting process. This condition could allow lugs to be unseated, leading to the wheel to separate and increasing the risk of a crash.

573.6(c)(6): Chronology of Principal Events

FR was sent a letter from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) dated July 26, 2012 addressed to Forest River Texas Group, L.P. 8300 Imperial Dr. Waco, TX 76712 according to Mr. Alexander Ansley. This letter and support information was forwarded to Mr. Dan Evans September 27, 2012 by Mr. Alexander Ansley on September 27, 2012. Mr. Evans was at a loss as what do with the information and forwarded to me on the same date. Mr. Evans and I were working on some other projects to do with product problems and I did not realize that this was a new situation. I assumed that it was support information for another issue. We have since obtained the number of units built in the time span and the number of wheels purchased. We are re-submitting this 573 with the number of units. It was requested that we break down the units by make, model and date and add it to the 573 report. We are resubmitting with that information at this time.

573.6(c)(8)(i) : Remedy Program

FR will contact all potential customers to have the wheels looked at by their dealer to verify if the wheel is on the recall list or not. We will submit a customer letter within the next 10 working days.

FR will then replace the wheels, to the dealer and any labor cost.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone, fax or email listed below.

Sincerely,



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