



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. William Conway
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NVS-215KS
12V-543

Subject: Improperly Machined Wheels

Dear Mr. Conway:

This letter serves to acknowledge Forest River, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

CARGO MATE/BLAZER/2011-2012
CARGO MATE/CARGO MATE/2011-2012
CARGO MATE/ECOMONY HAULER/2012
CARGO MATE/ECONO HAULER/2011-2012
CARGO MATE/ECONOMY HAULER/2011
CARGO MATE/ELIMINATOR/2011-2012
CARGO MATE/MULTIPLE PURPOSE TRAILER/2011-2012
CARGO MATE/QUALIFIER/2011-2012
CARGO MATE/SNOWBIRD/2011-2012
CARGO MATE/SS SERIES/2011-2012
CARGO MATE/TRAVEL COMPANION/2011-2012
CONTINENTAL CARGO/AUTO MASTER/2011-2012
CONTINENTAL CARGO/AUTO PLUS/2011-2012
CONTINENTAL CARGO/CONTINENTAL CARGO/2011-2012
CONTINENTAL CARGO/JUNIOR AUTOMASTER/2011-2012
CONTINENTAL CARGO/RS SERIES/2011-2012
CONTINENTAL CARGO/TAILWIND/2011-2012
CONTINENTAL CARGO/VALUE HAULER/2011-2012
RANCE ALUMINUM TRAILER/LIGHTNING/2011-2012
RANCE ALUMINUM TRAILER/LOW RIDER/2011-2012
RANCE ALUMINUM TRAILER/OUTLAW/2011-2012
RANCE ALUMINUM TRAILER/RANGER/2011-2012
RANCE ALUMINUM TRAILER/V-LOW/2011-2012
ROCKPORT/WORK N TOW/2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: November 23, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-543

Components:
WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,200

Problem Description:

Forest River is recalling certain model 2011 and 2012 trailers manufactured from August 11, 2011, through April 11, 2012, equipped with Carlisle Toy Hauler series trailer wheels. These wheels were manufactured with machine dimensions for the application of a center cap and the application of steel lug inserts that were not controlled to the required specifications. As a result, the wheel may not be tightened to the proper torque during the mounting process.

Consequence:

If the wheels are not tightened to the proper torque, the wheels could loosen, leading to wheel separation, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash. A detached wheel also becomes a road hazard.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will replace the wheels free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during December 2012. Owners may contact Forest River at 1-574-389-4600.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Forest River's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement