



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

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NVS-215KS  
14V-499

**Subject:** LP Tank Support Brace Failure

Dear Ron Ross:

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:**  
COACHMEN/PRISM/2012-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 13, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-499

**Components:**  
EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG SYSTEMS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 256

**Problem Description:**

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain model year 2012-2015 Coachmen 2150LE Prism motor homes manufactured July 2011 to May 2014. Due to the welds being in an improper location, the liquid propane (LP) tank support braces may not be secure, allowing the LP tank to drop and fall off the vehicle while in transit.

**Consequence:**

If the LP tank drops or falls off the vehicle while in transit, there is an increased risk of fire or explosion.

**Remedy:**

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will install a repair kit, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Coachmen customer service at 1-800-353-7383.

**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](http://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).

The information in your report suggests that Forest River may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please provide the chronology of events that occurred from early May 2014 to mid-August 2014.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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