



## Forest River, Inc.

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Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
U.S. Department Of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
Room W48-304

Dear Mrs. Timian,

In accordance with the requirements of CFR 49 Part 573.6; Forest River, Inc. is submitting the attached defect report, in relation to discovery of L.P. System black pipe installed inside of the chassis axle hangers.

Forest River, Inc. Internal Identification Number Assigned to this Recall: FR430-14-1

Please accept this letter as the initial notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Forest River, Inc. will keep NHTSA abreast with the latest developments as they arise. We also value your direction as well, and would be pleased to note anything your division would have to say.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Respectfully,

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Date of Report: July 7, 2014

1. Vehicles Affected are Manufactured by:

Forest River, Inc. – Sabre by Palomino R.V.  
2412 Century Drive  
Goshen, Indiana 46528

2. The following vehicles are being recalled:

Certain F33-CKTS fifth-wheels, manufacturing model years TBA.

3. Total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing defect is:

~ 375

4. The approximate percentile of vehicles estimated that actually contain the defect is:

Unknown

5. The defect consists of:

The  $\text{Ø}1/2$ " I.D. black iron pipe used for the L.P. System has been routed in a way that the pipe could be damaged or punctured by spring action of the axle suspension.  
Note Fig. A. & Fig. B.

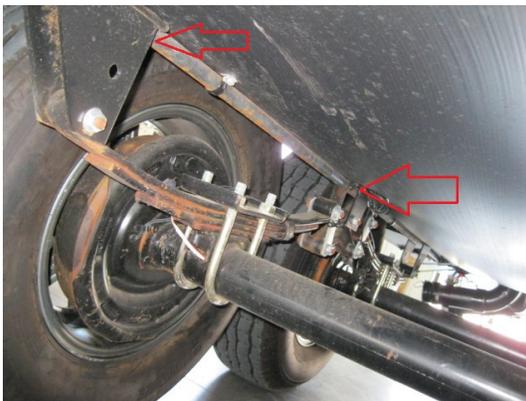


Figure A



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6. The chronological events leading to discovery of the defect consists of:

This issue was discovered via warranty claim by a dealership. The customer had a flat tire, which allowed the coach to settle on the rim, the equalizer shifted the load and the bolted connection between the equalizer and the shackles violated the iron pipe for the LP system, damaging the LP system. The dealership performing the tire/rim replacement noticed the LP System damage and submitted pictures for warranty approval.

Forest River has since replaced/re-routed the LP System to be within compliance of the accepted practice of LP System layouts.

7. Description of the manufacturers remedy for the defect:

At the time of this notification report to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, a solid understanding of which fix will be used in the field is yet unclear. Forest River has a strong lead on what type of replacement that is needed; details of procedures and protocol are still being worked on by all parties involved.

8. Notification will be as follows:

Dealer & Retail Customer notification is scheduled to begin as soon as NHTSA and Forest River can agree on statement/letter verbiage. At time of notification, a parts kit including all useful parts, engineering drawings instructions will be available.

9. Forest River, Inc Identification Number Assigned to this recall:

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10. Dealer and Owner Notifications:

A draft copy of the notification documents will be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.