



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

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Mr. Keith Fisher
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NVS-215KS
15V-231

Subject: Wheel Studs may Break

Dear Mr. Fisher:

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:

AMERA-LITE/ATTX/2016
AMERA-LITE/WATTX/2016
CARGO MATE/BLAZER/2016
CARGO MATE/E SERIES/2016
CARGO MATE/E SERIES WEDGE/2016
CARGO MATE/ELIMINATOR/2016
CARGO MATE/QUALIFIER/2016
COACHMEN/CATALINA/2016
COACHMEN/FREEDOM EXPRESS/2016
CONTINENTAL CARGO/AUTO MASTER/2016
CONTINENTAL CARGO/ELITE SERIES/2016
CONTINENTAL CARGO/TAILWIND/2016
CONTINENTAL CARGO/VALUE HAULER/2016
FOREST RIVER/CHEROKEE/2016
FOREST RIVER/CHEROKEE GREY WOLF/2016
FOREST RIVER/CHEROKEE WOLF PUP/2016
FOREST RIVER/SALEM/2016
FOREST RIVER/VENGEANCE/2016
FOREST RIVER/WILDWOOD/2016
PALOMINO/PUMA/2016
US CARGO/PATRIOT X/2016
US CARGO/PHANTOM/2016
US CARGO/TRAIL & SPORT/2016
US CARGO/TRAIL MASTER/2016

Mfr's Report Date: May 13, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-231

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY



Potential Number of Units Affected: 346

Problem Description:

Forest River, Inc. (Forest River) is recalling certain model year 2016 Amera-Lite ATTX and WATTX, Forest River Cherokee, Cherokee Grey Wolf, Cherokee Wolf Pup, Salem, Salem Laminated, Salem Limited Edition, Vengeance, Wildwood, Wildwood Laminated, and Wildwood Limited Edition, Cargo Mate Blazer, E Series, E Series Wedge, Eliminator, and Qualifier, Continental Cargo Auto Master, Elite Series, Tailwind and Value Hauler, Coachmen Catalina and Freedom Express, Palomino Puma and US Cargo Patriot X, Phantom, Trail & Sport and Trail Master trailers manufactured March 1, 2015, to March 31, 2015. In the affected trailers, the studs that are used to attach the wheels to the axle hubs may break.

Consequence:

If the wheel studs break, the wheel could detach from the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will replace any affected wheel hub, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2015. Owners may contact Forest River customer service at 1-800-453-6064. Forest River's number for this recall is 51-03312015-0025.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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
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Enforcement