



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 25, 2012

Mr. DAN EVANS
FOREST RIVER, INC.
55135 CR #1
ELKHART, IN 46514

NVS-215KS
12V-341

Subject: Transfer Switch

Dear Mr. EVANS:

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:

BERKSHIRE/360FWS/2005-2011
BERKSHIRE/360QS/2005-2011
BERKSHIRE/390BH/2005-2011
BERKSHIRE/390FL/2005-2011
BERKSHIRE/390QS/2005-2011
BERKSHIRE/390RB/2005-2011
BERKSHIRE/390TS/2005-2011
BERKSHIRE/410QS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/360QS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/360TS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/400QS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/400TS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/405QS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/410DST/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/410FK/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/410FS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/410FWS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/410LR/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/410QS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/430BH/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/430QS/2005-2011
CHARLESTON/430RB/2005-2011

Mfr's Report Date: July 13, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-341

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 850

Problem Description:

Forest River is recalling certain model year 2005-2011 Berkshire and Charleston Motorhomes, equipped with an IOTA ITS-50R transfer switch. These switches may experience heat related failures when exposed to elevated electrical loads associated with RV use in higher ambient temperatures. The failure may lead to an increased risk of electrical damage to other appliances.

Consequence:

Continued use of the vehicle without replacing the transfer switch increases the risk of fire, personal injury, and property damage.

Remedy:

Forest River will notify owners, and dealers will replace the Iota ITS-50R transfer switch, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during August 2012. Owners may contact Forest River at 1-574-295-8749.

Notes:

Forest River's recall campaign number 40-712. Owners may contact the National Highway Safety Administration's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

We have received your 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