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December 5, 2012

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. Notice of Defect

Dear Ms. Lewis:

In accordance with Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Spartan Motors, Inc, on behalf of Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. (Spartan Chassis) herewith reports a defect involving motor vehicle safety. Spartan Chassis has determined a defect involving a front suspension swaybar interfering with the front brake hoses may exist in approximately 23 motor home chassis built between July 23, 2012 and November 7, 2012.

Attached is the Defect Information Report for Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc..

Please contact me with any questions as it relates to this matter.

Best Regards,

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Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.

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DEFECT AND NONCOMPLIANCE REPORT - DOMESTIC

Description: Swaybar may contact brake hoses.

Internal Code: 12015

Date of Report: 12/5/2012

Submitted to: Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

Attn: Ms. Nancy Lewis
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Preparer's Signature:  _____

I. IDENTIFY THE US BOUND VEHICLE MODELS INVOLVED IN THE RECALL

Make:	Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.			
Model(s):	MM, K2, and K3			
Model Years Involved:	2013			
Vehicle Type:	Motorhome Chassis			
Weight Range:	From GVWR:	46,600 lbs	To GVWR:	50,600 lbs
Weight Class:	From Class:	8	To Class:	8
Beginning VDM:	7/23/2012	Ending VDM:	11/7/2012	
% Potentially Involved:	100%			

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Vehicles affected by this recall are equipped with an independent front suspension that has the ABS modulator valve mounted in a forward position.

II. IDENTIFY THE RECALL POPULATION

Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or non-compliance

MODEL	MODEL YEAR	No. POTENTIALLY INVOLVED
K2	2013	15
K3	2013	7
MM	2013	1
TOTAL:		23

Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance.

Approximate Defect Percentage: 100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

The population for this recall was determined by utilizing the front suspension sway bar part number with the ABS valve in a outboard position. This query segregates the affected vehicles from the remaining population of vehicles.

III. DESCRIBE THE DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE

Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

Swaybar may contact brake hoses which may result in damage to the front brake hose or fittings. Damage to the hose(s) could result in insufficient air being applied to the front brake chambers.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Lack of air to the front brake chambers may increase stopping distance which could result in a vehicle crash.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

Contact, and damage, to the front brake hoses can occur without warning.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address:

Generic Component Name:	N/A
Supplier Part Number:	N/A
Spartan Part Number:	N/A
Supplier Corporate Name:	N/A
Address:	N/A
CEO or Knowledgeable Rep:	N/A

IV. PROVIDE THE CHRONOLOGY IN DETERMINING THE DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE

If defect, furnish a chronological summary with dates of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. Include number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

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If noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data in chronological order with dates on which the noncompliance was determined.

N/A

V. IDENTIFY THE REMEDY

Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Pending

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Pending

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Pending

VI. IDENTIFY THE RECALL SCHEDULE

Furnish a schedule or agenda, with specific dates, for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please identify any foreseeable problems with implementing this recall.

Pending

VII. FURNISH RECALL COMMUNICATIONS

Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification.

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DATE AND MANNER SUBMITTED
Notification letter to other manufacturers	Pending
Draft Notification letter to purchasers	Pending
Press release (if applicable)	N/A
Recall Service Bulletin (RSB)	Pending
Notification Envelope	Pre-Approved

The manufacturer's campaign identification number if not identical to the number

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