



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Wesley Chestnut  
Lead, Compliance  
Spartan Chassis, Inc.  
1541 Reynolds Road  
Charlotte, MI 48813

NVS-215KS  
12V-565

**Subject:** Front Swaybar may Damage Brake Hose

Dear Wesley Chestnut:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Chassis, 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:**

SPARTAN/K2/2013  
SPARTAN/K3/2013  
SPARTAN/MM/2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 5, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-565

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:ANTILOCK:WHEEL SPEED SENSOR  
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS  
SUSPENSION:FRONT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 23

**Problem Description:**

Spartan Motors Chassis is recalling certain model year 2013 K2, K3, and MM motorhome chassis, manufactured July 23, 2012, through November 7, 2012 and equipped with an independent front suspension that has the ABS modulator valve mounted in a forward position. The front brake hoses or the ABS sensor cable may be damaged as a result of contact with the swaybar.

**Consequence:**

Damaged brake hoses will result in insufficient air being applied to the front brake chambers. Lack of air to the front brake may increase stopping distances. Damage to the ABS sensor cable may disable the ABS. Either condition may increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

**Remedy:**

Spartan will notify owners, and dealers will repair the vehicles free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during January 2013. Owners may contact Spartan at 1-517-543-6400.

**Notes:**

Spartan's recall campaign number is 12015. 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 Spartan'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.

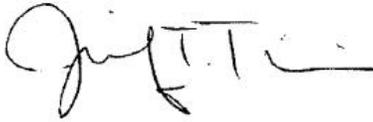
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement