



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 Motors, Inc.  
1541 Reynolds Road  
Charlotte, MI 48813

NVS-215KS  
13V-266

**Subject:** Possible Inadvertant Airbag Deployment

Dear Wesley Chestnut:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Motors, 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/GLADIATOR/2013  
SPARTAN/METROSTAR/2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 25, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-266

**Components:**  
AIR BAGS:FRONTAL:SENSOR/CONTROL MODULE  
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 70

**Problem Description:**

Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. (Spartan Chassis) is recalling certain model year 2013 Metro Star and Gladiator emergency vehicles manufactured August 7, 2012, through June 6, 2013. Due to electrical signal fluctuations, the circuits in the restraints control module may become damaged. If damaged, the airbag or seat belt pretensioner may inadvertently deploy.

**Consequence:**

If the seatbelt pretensioner or the air bag inadvertently deploys while driving, it may result in personal injury or increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Spartan Chassis will notify owners, and dealers will add a suppression device to reduce electrical signal fluctuations, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by late to mid-July 2013. Owners may contact Spartan Chassis at 1-517-543-6400.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Spartan Chassis' 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement