



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

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Washington, DC 20590

October 22, 2013

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

NVS-215KS  
13V-441

**Subject:** Lower Control Arms May Fracture

Dear Mr. 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 MOTORS/TRANSIT BUS CHASSIS CAB/2011-2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 17, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-441

**Components:**

SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 75

**Problem Description:**

Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. (Spartan Motors) is recalling certain model year 2011-2013 Transit Bus Chassis Cab buses manufactured February 17, 2011, through August 8, 2013 and equipped with an independent front suspension. Due to a manufacturing error, the control arms may fracture or break without warning.

**Consequence:**

If a lower control arm breaks, and separates from the mounting bushing, loss of vehicle control could occur, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Spartan Motors will notify owners, and dealers will replace the control arms and mounting hardware, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late October 2013. Owners may contact Spartan Motors at 1-517-543-6400. Spartan's recall number is 13022.

**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 Motors' 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:

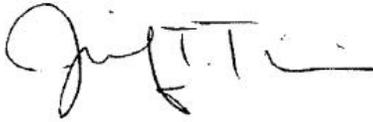
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are 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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements take effect as early as October 2013. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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,



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