



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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

NVS-215KS
13V-574

Subject: The Return Coolant Hose May Kink

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:

UTILIMASTER/P80X/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: November 19, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-574

Components:

VISIBILITY:DEFROSTER/DEFOGGER SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 586

Problem Description:

Spartan Motors, Inc. (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Utilimaster P80X vehicles manufactured from May 2, 2013, through August 8, 2013 and sold exclusively to UPS. In the affected vehicles, the coolant return hose may kink at the bulkhead connector resulting in a reduction of coolant flow through windshield defrost system.

Consequence:

The lack of coolant flow may prevent the defrost and defog system from clearing the windshield, reducing the driver's visibility, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan will notify owners, and UPS service centers will be paid to inspect, replace, and reroute the coolant hose, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late December 2013. Owners may contact Spartan 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.

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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. 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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

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