



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

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Washington, DC 20590

January 3, 2014

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

NVS-215KS
13V-628

Subject: IFS Cradle Welds May Crack

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/ADVANTAGE/2007
SPARTAN/DIAMOND/2006-2007
SPARTAN/GLADIATOR/2006-2010
SPARTAN/METROSTAR/2009-2010

Mfr's Report Date: December 12, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-628

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 37

Problem Description:

Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. (Spartan Chassis) is recalling certain model year 2006-2007 Diamond, model year 2006-2010 Gladiator, model year 2009-2010 Metrostar and one model year 2007 Advantage emergency response vehicles manufactured December 22, 2005, through October 13, 2010, and equipped with independent front suspensions (IFS) by Ridgewell Corporation. In the affected vehicles, welds on the IFS cradles may crack.

Consequence:

Cracking of the welds could result in difficulty in steering the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan Chassis will notify owners, and dealers will repair any cracks and install reinforcement brackets, free of charge. An interim notification will be sent in January 2014. A second notification will be sent when the remedy parts are available. Owners may contact Spartan at 1-517-543-6400. Spartan's number for this recall is 13028.

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 Chassis' proposed interim 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:

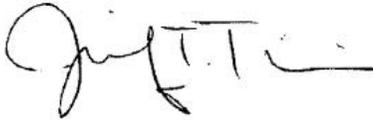
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are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



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