

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-010 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

JAN 27 1999

Part 573 Report Date: **January 20, 1999**

MANUFACTURER: **Spartan Motors, Inc.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Kelli A. Oberlin, Compliance Co-ordinator
Wayne Ridge, Product Quality Coordinator**

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SUBJECT: 3,210 Spartan 1990-1997 Advantage manufactured from September 29, 1989 through January 6, 1997; 1989-1997 Baron manufactured from December 6, 1989 through May 6, 1997; 1987-1997 Charger manufactured from September 8, 1989 through October 1, 1996; 1986-1997 Diamond manufactured from November 6, 1986 through October 15, 1996; 1986-1997 Crash Truck manufactured from March 11, 1986 through December 25, 1996; 1986-1996 Gladiator manufactured from July 31, 1986 through December 16, 1997; 1991-1997 Metro Star manufactured from December 3, 1991 through January 17, 1997; and 1991-1997 Silent Knight fire trucks manufactured from August 14, 1991 through February 20, 1997. The cab tilt system contains a 12 volt electrical solenoid assembly as an accessory to the cab tilt electric motor/hydraulic pump assembly. Rain, snow, salt spray or other corrosive environment can corrode the solenoid or "bridge: the energizing coil wire terminal causing the cab tilt system to operate uncontrollably. Spartan Recall No. SPEC 97019.

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

A draft copy of the notification documents must be submitted to this office by facsimile (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing to owners as well as an estimated owner notification date.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. The current quarter began January 1, and ends on March 31, 1999. If owner notification occurs during this time period, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief
on (202) 366-5227 or by FAX (202) 366-7882
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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Wayne Ridge
Product Improvement Administrator
Customer Service Operations
Spartan Motors Inc.
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Charlotte, MI 48813

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Dear Mr. Ridge:

We have received Spartan Motors Inc.'s (Spartan) Defect Information Report dated January 13, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 3,210 Spartan 1990 through 1997 Advantage manufactured from September 29, 1989 through January 6, 1997; 1989 through 1997 Baron manufactured from December 6, 1989 through May 6, 1997; 1987 through 1997 Charger manufactured from September 8, 1989 through October 1, 1996; 1986 through 1997 Diamond manufactured from November 6, 1986 through October 15, 1996; 1986 through 1997 Crash Truck manufactured from March 11, 1986 through December 25, 1996; 1986 through 1996 Gladiator manufactured from July 31, 1986 through December 16, 1997; 1991 through 1997 Metro Star manufactured from December 3, 1991 through January 17, 1997; and 1991 through 1997 Silent Knight fire trucks manufactured from August 14, 1991 through February 20, 1997. The cab tilt system contains a 12 volt electrical solenoid assembly as an accessory to the cab tilt electric motor/hydraulic pump assembly. Rain, snow, salt spray or other corrosive environment can corrode the solenoid or "bridge" the energizing coil wire terminal causing the cab tilt system to operate uncontrollably. **The assigned Identification Number for this recall is 99V-010 (Spartan Recall No. SPEC 97019).**

Spartan is responsible for the remedy of these fire trucks from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Additional Information Required

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing as well as an estimated owner notification schedule.

Please provide this information, referencing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's identification codes on this letter, to this office by **March 23, 1999.**



Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. The current quarter began January 1, and ends on March 31, 1999. If owner notification occurs during this time period, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance