



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. WES CHESTNUT
SENIOR COMPLIANCE ANALYST
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1000 REYNOLDS ROAD
CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

NVS-215kjs
10V-052

SUBJECT: CENTER SEAT BELT ANCHORAGES

DEAR MR. CHESTNUT:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Chassis, Inc.'s (Spartan) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages," for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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/2003-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-052 **Mfg's Report Date:** February 5, 2010

Components: SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 100

Summary:
SPARTAN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2003 THROUGH 2009
GLADIATOR FIRE APPARATUS CHASSIS CABS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN
FEBRUARY 27, 2003 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2009. CERTAIN SEAT BELT
ANCHORAGES FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL
MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 210, "SEAT BELT ASSEMBLY
ANCHORAGES."

Consequence:

THE SEAT BELT MAY SEPARATE FROM THE CAB DURING A VEHICLE CRASH AND FAIL TO PROPERLY RESTRAIN THE OCCUPANT. THIS MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY TO THE SEAT OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A REMEDY PLAN OR A NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SPARTAN CHASSIS AT 1-800-543-4277 - OPTION 1.

Notes:

SPARTAN'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 10005. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-423 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following:

You are required to provide a remedy plan and notification schedule as soon as it becomes available.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts 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 for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement