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Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. - Defect Information Report

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Spartan Motors, Inc, on behalf of Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. (Spartan Chassis), hereby reports a defect relating to motor vehicle safety. Spartan Chassis has determined a defect involving the front sway bar fasteners on vehicles altered between when February 17, 2011 through August 8, 2013

Please contact me with any questions as it relates to this matter.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wesley D. Chestnut', written over a white background.

Wesley D. Chestnut
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Defect Information Report

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573.6(c)(1): Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.
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573.6(c)(2): Vehicles affected by this recall were altered by Spartan Chassis for the purpose of being completed as a transit bus and are equipped with with a front sway bar on the indepent front suspension and hydraulic brakes. Vehicles excluded from this recall have the sway bar installed in a different orientation and mounting configuration.

Make	Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.
Models	Transit Bus Chassis Cab
Model Years	2011 through 2013
Vehicle Type	Transit Bus Chassis Cab
Weight Range (GVWR)	14,200 lbs
VDM Range	2/17/2011 through 8/8/2013

Table 1

573.6(c)(3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is shown in Table 2.

Model	Model Year	Number Involved
Transit Bus Chassis Cab	2011	6
Transit Bus Chassis Cab	2012	46
Transit Bus Chassis Cab	2013	23
Total		75

Table 2

573.6(c)(4) The percentage of the vehicles produced between the dates of manufacturing shown in **Table 2** that contain the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5) Fasteners which attach the sway bar to the frame and suspension are incorrectly torqued and may come loose without warning. If this happens, the swaybar may come in contact with hydraulic brake lines. The sway bar could cause damage to the hydraulic brake lines or cause them to become disconnected. A disconnection of the brake lines could result in reduced vehicle braking which may lead to increased stopping distance. Increased stopping distance may result in a vehicle crash.



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573.6(c)(6) Pending

573.6(c)(8) Spartan Chassis will supply new fasteners and appropriate torque requirements. This will be done at no charge. Customer notification is expected to begin at the end of September.