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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: Utilimaster - 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 Utilimaster hereby reports a defect relating to motor vehicle safety. Utilimaster has determined a defect involving a door latch supplied by Fastec and may have been installed on one vehicle.

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

Best Regards,

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Defect Information Report

573.6(c)(1): Utilimaster Corporation
603 Earthway Boulevard
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573.6(c)(2): The vehicle type affected by this recall is unknown. However, it may still be equipped with a door latch supplied by Fastec and subject to recall 13E-039. Utilimaster has identified only one vehicle subject to this issue by way of information in its after market parts sales information. Of the three components referred to in EQ13-006 two have been returned to Utilimaster and disposed of while one may have been installed on a vehicle.

Make	Utilimaster Corporation
Models	Truck Body
Model Years	2006
Vehicle Type	Work Truck
Weight Range (GVWR)	17,500 lbs
VDM Range	6/1/2006

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
Truck Body	2006	1
Total		1

Table 2

573.6(c)(4) Only one vehicle, as referenced in **Table 2**, has been determined to potentially have a defective door latch installed.

573.6(c)(5) Per equipment recall 13E-039, a key may be removed from the locked door when the key in the deadbolt cylinder is in the horizontal 9 o'clock position, potentially jamming the deadbolt and potentially causing the red lever on the interior side of the lock to become inoperable. Thus, in the event that: (1) a lock is affected; (2) the deadbolt in the door is locked from the outside with the key; (3) the key is removed from the deadbolt lock cylinder only when the key is in the 9 o'clock position; (4) a person is inside the vehicle; and (5) nobody outside the vehicle is available to unlock the deadbolt in the



door with a key, a person inside the vehicle may not be able to unlock and open the main vehicle door, but he or she could still exit the from another egress point. This may occur without warning. If there is only one access/egress point and this condition were to occur, a person may become trapped in the vehicle. This could result in personal injury.

573.6(c)(6) **November 22, 2013** – Compliance was made aware of EQ13-006 that was submitted to Utilimaster involving the Fastec recall (13E-039).

December 10, 2013 – Utilimaster is able to determine one vehicle may be impacted by this recall.

December 13, 2013 – Utilimaster responds to EQ13-006 via email and acknowledges at least one vehicle received one latch and moves to initiate a recall.

573.6(c)(8) It is expected Fastec will supply a new door latch free of charge. Notification is expected to begin on, or before January 6, 2014.