



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

May 20, 2015

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

NVS-215KS  
15V-249

**Subject:** Driveshaft may Disconnect

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:**

UTILIMASTER/WALK-IN VAN/2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 27, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-249

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE:DRIVESHAFT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 97

**Problem Description:**

Spartan Motors, Inc. (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2014 Utilitmaster Walk-In Vans manufactured December 8, 2014, to January 23, 2015, and altered by Lippert Components. Due to inadequately torqued fasteners, the driveshaft may disconnect.

**Consequence:**

If the driveshaft disconnects there would be a loss of power delivery to the rear axle, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Spartan will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the torque of the driveshaft fasteners, tightening them as necessary, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-800-582-3484.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Spartan's proposed 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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