

**COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC**

December 23, 2003

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Analysis Division
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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Re: Spartan Chassis, Inc. Recall No. 03V-517 – Hydraulic Pump Hose

Dear Mr. Person:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, this correspondence is to serve as our notification to NHTSA of our acknowledgement of a recall being conducted by one of our component suppliers, Spartan Chassis, Inc. (Spartan) concerning a potential safety defect in some of the motorhome chassis they supplied to Coachmen Recreational Vehicles, LLC (Coachmen).

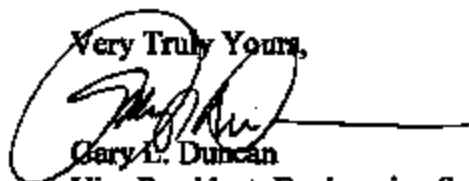
Coachmen received notification from Spartan that they are conducting the referenced safety recall campaign due to a potential defect that may exist with Spartan's Mountain Master model chassis they supply to Coachmen. Spartan's notification stated:

"The reason for the recall is that the configuration and arrangement of hydraulic fittings at pump allow contact of hose assembly and starter terminals. This has the potential for ignition of hydraulic fluid. This would create a safety hazard to the occupants or other persons/property surrounding the vehicle."

Spartan has informed Coachmen that we received two (2) chassis affected by this recall campaign. Both chassis were used by Coachmen to build our 2004 MY Sportscoach Legend Class A motorhomes. These motorhomes were built in December, 2003 and have been shipped to Coachmen dealers. We understand that Spartan will be administering the recall campaign and will be forwarding all further correspondence to NHTSA. We will forward Spartan the Dealer contact information on these two vehicles so they may be included in their notification and remedy efforts.

Should you have any additional questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (219) 825-8528.

Very Truly Yours,



Gary L. Duncan
Vice President, Engineering Services



SPARTAN CHASSIS, INC.

Engineering Department

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December 17, 2003

Coachmen
Gary Duncan
P.O. Box 30
Middlebury, IN 46540

RE: NHTSA Recall No. 03V-517

Dear Gary:

Spartan Chassis is recalling certain Mountain Master (MM) chassis models with a Delco 39MT Starter and Cummins ISL Engine and certain MM Models with a Delco 42MT Starter and a Cummins ISC or ISL Engine.

The reason for the recall is that the configuration and arrangement of hydraulic fittings at pump allow contact of hose assembly and starter terminals. This has the potential for ignition of hydraulic fluid. This would create a safety hazard to the occupants or other persons/property surrounding the vehicle. A copy of the Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is included for your review.

We will contact all owners of these units that are affected by this recall as required by NHTSA. You will be receiving electronically a list of VINs that are involved in the recall, and a request to provide your most current location information for those not registered with Spartan Chassis. It is important that we receive this information as soon as possible in order to notify affected dealers of vehicles that must be remedied prior to retail sale.

If you have any questions concerning this recall or the population involved, please feel free to contact me at (517) 543-8400, ext. 338, or a Customer Service representative at (800) 393-8861, Option 3.

Sincerely,


Kimberly Boucher
Compliance Administrator

Cc: Rod Nappler