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**National Highway
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **04V-311** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **June 15, 2004**

Date Faxed: **June 30, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **SPARTAN CHASSIS, INC.**

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SUBJECT: 143 MY 1999-2002 SPARTAN SUMMIT, SB, AND TB SCHOOL AND TRANSIT BUSES EQUIPPED WITH DANA FRONT AXLE CONTAINING BOSCH HYDRAULIC DISC BRAKES WITH ZERO OFFSET SLIDE CALIPERS (ZOPS). BOSCH HAS DECIDED THAT THE PRESENCE OF CORROSION IN THE VICINITY OF THE CALIPER SEAL LAND CAN CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCED PISTON MOBILITY IN SOME CASES AND LEAD TO PERFORMANCE ISSUES CAUSING OVERHEATING. OVERHEATED BRAKE COMPONENTS MAY NOT ALLOW THE DRIVE TO STOP SAFELY, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH. THIS OVERHEATING COULD ALSO RESULT IN A VEHICLE FIRE.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS

As stated in Spartan's Defect Information Report dated June 15, 2002, Spartan is still determining a viable remedy for this condition, and will supply that information to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as soon as it becomes available. Please provide us with a notification schedule to dealers and consumers as well as a draft owner notification letter for our review before mailing to consumers.



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