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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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CHARLOTTE MI 48813

NVS-215  
05V-330

Subject: ENGINE TURBOCHARGER/SERIES 40/DETROIT DIESEL

Dear MS. OBERLIN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

SPARTAN/LA41L-2142/1998  
SPARTAN/LA41M-2142/1998  
SPARTAN/RM-2242/1998-1999

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-330

**Recall Date:** July 20, 2005

**Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE:GASOLINE:TURBO-CHARGER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 52

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN FIRE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH DETROIT DIESEL SERIES 40 ENGINES, THE TURBOCHARGER CAN FAIL ALLOWING LUBRICATING OIL TO SPILL ONTO THE ENGINE.

**Consequence:**

THIS CAN RESULT IN A FIRE IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE TURBOCHARGER TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE. DETROIT DIESEL IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT DETROIT DIESEL AT 313-592-3708 OR SPARTAN AT 517-543-6400.

**Notes:**

SPARTAN RECALL NO. SPEC 05027. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

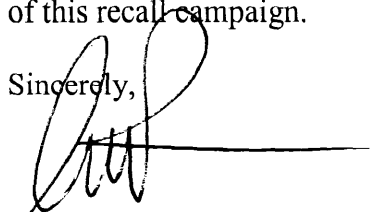
This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ05-016, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

As stated in your report, Detroit Diesel will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Detroit Diesel's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Note: You will be assigned a NHTSA equipment number to cover the after-market parts.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement