



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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SPARTAN CHASSIS, INC.
1165 REYNOLDS ROAD
CHARLOTTE MI 48813

NVS-215
06V-156

Subject: STEERING GEAR SUPPORT FAILURE

Dear MS. OBERLIN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. 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:
SPARTAN/K2/1998
SPARTAN/MM/1998

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-156

Mfg's Report Date: May 8, 2006

Components: STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 254

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES, THE STEERING GEAR SUPPORT BRACKET HAS THE POTENTIAL TO FAIL WHEN SUBJECT TO THE REPETITIVE FORCES OF STATIC STEERING CONDITIONS.

Consequence:

LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL COULD OCCUR INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE STEERING SUPPORT BRACKET FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 19, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SPARTAN AT 517-543-6400.

Notes:

SPARTAN RECALL NO. SPEC 06011. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

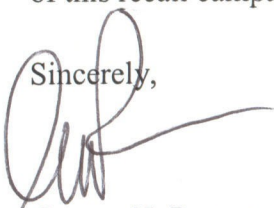
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on May 18, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 30, 2006.

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 or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement