



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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LISA WARD
PRODUCT ASSURANCE ADMINISTRATOR
SPARTAN CHASSIS, INC.
1165 REYNOLDS ROAD
CHARLOTTE MI 48813

NVS-215
06V-413

Subject: VARIABLE VALVE ACTUATION OIL LINE/OIL LEAK

Dear MS. WARD:

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/K3/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-413

Mfg's Report Date: October 25, 2006

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Summary:

ON CERTAIN CHASSIS EQUIPPED WITH A CATERPILLAR C15 ENGINE IN A FLEETWOOD HERITAGE MOTOR HOME, THE VARIABLE VALVE ACTUATION (VVA) OIL LINE MAY WEAR CAUSING AN OIL LEAK.

Consequence:

AN OIL LEAK COULD CAUSE A FIRE THAT MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

CATERPILLAR IS CONDUCTING THE REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. PLEASE SEE (05E078). THE VEHICLES WILL BE INSPECTED, THE VVA OIL LINE REPLACED, AND A RETENTION CLIP WILL BE INSTALLED TO PREVENT ANY DAMAGE FROM OCCURRING. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 3, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CATERPILLAR AT 1-877-777-3126, SPARTAN AT 517-543-6400 OR FLEETWOOD AT 1-800-322-8216.

Notes:

SPARTAN RECALL NO. SPEC 06025. 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:

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 your report, Caterpillar will be handling the remedy and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 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 Caterpillar's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@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

cc: David Coffin
Director, of Product Development
Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.
Motor Home Division