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of Transportation

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

June 25, 2008

MR. WES CHESTNUT
SENIOR COMPLIANCE ANALYST
PRODUCT ASSURANCE
SPARTAN CHASSIS, INC.
1000 REYNOLDS ROAD
CHARLOTTE MI 48813

NVS-215dgl
08V-275

Subject: FASTENER FRACTURE

Dear MR. CHESTNUT:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Chassis, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/K2/2008
SPARTAN/K3/2008
SPARTAN/MM/2007-2008
SPARTAN/SU/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-275

Mfg's Report Date: June 18, 2008

Components: STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 213

Summary:

SPARTAN CHASSIS IS RECALLING 213 MY 2007-2008 MM, AND MY 2008 K2, K3, AND SU MOTOR HOME CHASSIS. CERTAIN CHASSIS FASTENERS MAY FRACTURE RESULTING IN POOR HANDLING OF THE VEHICLE, LOSS OF STEERING, AND/OR REDUCED LEVEL OF SUSPENSION PERFORMANCE.,

Consequence:

LOSS OF STEERING WILL INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE FASTENERS AS NEEDED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JUNE 27, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SPARTAN CHASSIS AT 1-800-543-4277.

Notes:

SPARTAN RECALL NO. 07024. 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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not quite meet the requirements of Part 577.

At the end of the fourth paragraph, you need to add, "Certain chassis fasteners...reduced lever of suspension performance, which could result in a crash."

Also, please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <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).

It is our understanding that 94 chassis have been repaired. Therefore, only 119 owner notifications will be sent out on or about June 27, 2008.

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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