



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

October 3, 2008

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

NVS-215dgl  
08V-491

**SUBJECT: CRACKED FUEL PUMP OUTLET PLUG/CATERPILLAR**

**DEAR MR. CHESNUT:**

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/FUR/2007-2008  
SPARTAN/MM/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-491

**Mfg's Report Date:** September 22, 2008

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: ENGINE: DIESEL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6

**Summary:**

SPARTAN IS RECALLING 6 MY 2007-2008 FUR FIRE TRUCK CAB/CHASSIS AND MM MOTOR HOME CHASSIS EQUIPPED WITH C7 OR C9 CATERPILLAR DIESEL ENGINES. THE FUEL PUMP OUTLET CHECK PLUG MAY BE CRACKED WHICH COULD CAUSE FUEL TO SPRAY AND LEAK.

**Consequence:**

THE FUEL PUMP PLUG MAY CRACK CAUSING FUEL TO LEAK. FUEL LEAKAGE, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

SPARTAN IS WORKING WITH CATERPILLAR (PLEASE SEE 08E042). CATERPILLAR WILL REPLACE THE FUEL PUMP PLUG FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CATERPILLAR AT-1-800-447-4986 OR SPARTAN AT 1-800-543-4277.

**Notes:**

SPARTAN RECALL NO. 08021. 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

It is our understanding that Caterpillar will be handling the owner notification, 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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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 be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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