



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

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May 29, 2009

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1000 REYNOLDS ROAD
CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

NVS-215kjs
09V-185

SUBJECT: CATERPILLAR C13 DIESEL ENGINES/POSSIBLE FIRE

DEAR MR. CHESTNUT:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Chassis, Inc.'s (Spartan) 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 Federal laws.

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/GLC/2008-2009
SPARTAN/GLD/2008-2009
SPARTAN/GLE/2008-2009
SPARTAN/GLS/2008-2009

Mfg's Report Date: May 15, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-185

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE:DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 30

Summary:

SPARTAN IS RECALLING 30 MODEL YEAR 2008 AND 2009 GLC, GLD, GLE, AND GLS FIRE TRUCK CAB/CHASSIS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN AUGUST 2, 2007 AND APRIL 23, 2009 EQUIPPED WITH C13 CATERPILLAR DIESEL ENGINES. THE EXTENSION PIPES ATTACHED TO THE AFTERTREATMENT

REGENERATION DEVICE (ARD) MAY DEVELOP A HOLE, AND HEAT AND FLAME MAY ESCAPE DURING A REGENERATION OF THE DIESEL PARTICULAR FILTER.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

SPARTAN IS WORKING WITH CATERPILLAR (PLEASE SEE 08E054). CATERPILLAR WILL REPAIR THE SUBJECT VEHICLES FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CATERPILLAR AT 1-800-447-4986 OR SPARTAN AT 1-800-543-4277.

Notes:

SPARTAN'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NO. 09010. OWNERS 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 except for the following:

Please provide a list of the final stage vehicle manufacturers which received the chassis equipped with the subject Caterpillar C13 engines by; name of the company, address, telephone number, and the contact name of a knowledgeable representative. The list should also contain the number of affected chassis sold to each manufacturer.

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. Should Spartan decide to provide quarterly reports on behalf of the vehicle manufacturers, the report must be broken down by each manufacturer.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. 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).

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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 blue ink, appearing to read "G. Person".

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