



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

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September 15, 2009

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SENIOR COMPLIANCE ANALYST
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1000 REYNOLDS ROAD
CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

NVS-215kjs
09V-352

SUBJECT: INADVERTENT SIDE AIR BAG DEPLOYMENT

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 will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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/ADV/2007-2008
SPARTAN/DIA/2006-2008
SPARTAN/GLD/2006-2009
SPARTAN/MTR/2007-2009

Mfg's Report Date: September 11, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-352

Components: AIR BAGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 239

Summary:

SPARTAN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2006 THROUGH 2009 ADV, DIA, GLD, AND MTR FIRE TRUCK CAB AND CHASSIS VEHICLES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 16, 2006 AND AUGUST 10, 2009 AND EQUIPPED WITH THE ROLLTEK SUPPLEMENTAL SIDE RESTRAINT SYSTEM. THE SIDE AIR BAGS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRAINT SYSTEM MAY INADVERTENTLY DEPLOY DUE TO FLUID INTRUSION INTO THE CONTROL MODULES.

Consequence:

INADVERTANT DEPLOYMENT OF THE AIR BAG COULD RESULT IN INJURY TO OUT OF POSITION OCCUPANTS AND POSSIBLY RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

SPARTAN IS WORKING WITH THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURES TO IDENTIFY VEHICLES THAT MAY CONTAIN THE DEFECT. THE AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE REPAIRED BY SPARTAN FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT THEIR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER OR SPARTAN CHASSIS TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-543-5008.

Notes:

SPARTAN'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER 09004. 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.

We have received Spartan's proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of 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).

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. We understand that Spartan will be providing quarterly reports on behalf of the vehicle manufacturers. Please be advised the report must be broken down by each manufacturer.

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