



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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SENIOR COMPLIANCE ANALYST
SPARTAN CHASSIS, INC.
1000 REYNOLDS ROAD
CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

NVS-215kjs
09V-417

SUBJECT: TURN SIGNAL/FMVSS 108

DEAR MR. CHESTNUT:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Chassis, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard Nos. 108, "Lamps, reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," and that a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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/AMB/2008-2009

SPARTAN/FUR/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-417

Mfg's Report Date: October 23, 2009

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING:TURN SIGNAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 76

Summary:

SPARTAN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008 AND 2009 FUR AND AMB AMBULANCE APPARATUS CAB AND CHASSIS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN AUGUST 10, 2007 AND OCTOBER 5, 2009, EQUIPPED WITH FRONT TURN SIGNALS supplied by SOUND OFF SIGNAL. THE FRONT TURN SIGNALS DO NOT MEET THE PHOTOMETRIC REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, "LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT," FOR LIGHT OUPUT.

Consequence:

THE VISIBILITY OF THE VEHICLE WILL BE REDUCED DUE TO INADEQUATE FRONT LIGHTING, THEREBY INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

SPARTAN IS WORKING WITH THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS TO IDENTIFY VEHICLES THAT MAY CONTAIN THE NONCOMPLIANCE. THE AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE REPAIRED BY SPARTAN FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 6, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT THEIR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER OR SPARTAN CHASSIS TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-543-5008.

Notes:

SPARTAN'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 09023. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

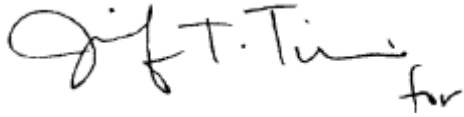
The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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

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 the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. H. Person" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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