



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

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Washington, DC 20590

August 18, 2010

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

NVS-215kjs
10V-376

SUBJECT: INADVERTANT CAB TILT

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 recall campaign which 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/FURION R/T/2009-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-376 **Mfg's Report Date:** August 12, 2010

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 40

Summary:
SPARTAN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 AND 2010 EMERGENCY RESCUE CHASSIS MANUFACTURED FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2010. THE CONTROL MODULE WHICH HOUSES THE CAB TILT CONTROL CIRCUIT IS SUBJECT TO FLUID INTRUSION. WHEN FLUID ENTERS THE MODULE, AN ELECTRICAL SHORT COULD OCCUR CAUSING THE CAB TO TILT (HOIST) WITHOUT WARNING.

Consequence:

IF THE CAB WERE TO TILT WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION, IT MAY SURPRISE THE DRIVER WHO MAY THEN REACT ADVERSELY WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

SPARTAN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE VEHICLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 27, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SPARTAN AT 1-517-543-6000.

Notes:

SPARTAN'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 10015. 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).

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

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after 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, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement