



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

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MR. WES CHESTNUT  
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1000 REYNOLDS ROAD  
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NVS-215kjs  
11V-006

**SUBJECT: FUEL LINE FAILURE**

**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/2008-2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-006      **Mfg's Report Date:** January 10, 2011

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

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6

**Summary:**  
SPARTAN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008 AND 2009 FURION INCOMPLETE EMERGENCY/RESCUE VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2007, THROUGH AUGUST 8, 2009, EQUIPPED WITH CATERPILLAR C7 ENGINES. THE #5 AND #6 FUEL LINES MAY CRACK AT THE FASTENING POINT TO THE COMMON FUEL RAIL AND CAUSE A FUEL LEAK.

**Consequence:**

A FUEL LEAK, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, CAN RESULT IN A VEHICLE FIRE.

**Remedy:**

SPARTAN IS WORKING WITH CATERPILLAR TO NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIRS WILL BE PERFORMED BY AUTHORIZED CATERPILLAR DEALERS FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CATERPILLAR TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-447-4986 OR SPARTAN CHASSIS AT 1-800-543-5008 OPTION 5.

**Notes:**

SPARTAN'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS 11001. 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](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@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 the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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