



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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MR. WESLEY CHESTNUT
COMPLIANCE AND VALIDATION
SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.
1000 REYNOLDS ROAD
CHARLOTTE, MI 48813

NVS-215kjs
11V-606

SUBJECT: FMVSS 206/DOOR CLOSURE WARNING SYSTEM

DEAR MR. CHESTNUT:

This letter serves to acknowledge your report filed on behalf of Utilimaster Corporation (Utilimaster) to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 206, "Door Locks and Door Retention Components," in the vehicle(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

UTILIMASTER/AEROMASTER/2009-2011
UTILIMASTER/REACH/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-606 **Mfg's Report Date:** December 30, 2011

Components: STRUCTURE:BODY:DOOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9,861

Summary:

CERTAIN UTILIMASTER MODEL YEAR 2009 THROUGH 2011 AEROMASTER AND MODEL YEAR 2011 REACH WORK TRUCKS MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2009, THROUGH DECEMBER 22, 2011, FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 206, "DOOR LOCKS AND DOOR RETENTION COMPONENTS."

Consequence:

SEE NOTES:

Remedy:
SEE NOTES:

Notes:
THE MANUFACTURER IS PETITIONING NHTSA FOR A DETERMINATION THAT THIS MATTER IS INCONSEQUENTIAL TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY. THE MANUFACTURER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO CONDUCT AN OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY CAMPAIGN UNTIL NHTSA HAS RESOLVED THIS PETITION. IF THE PETITION IS DENIED, THE MANUFACTURER WILL BE NOTIFIED AND MUST THEN UNDERTAKE ITS NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY CAMPAIGN OBLIGATIONS.

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.

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.

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement