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DEFECT AND NONCOMPLIANCE REPORT - DOMESTIC

Description:	Certain work truck vehicles, equipped with sliding doors, have been determined to be non-compliant to FMVSS 206 - Door Locks and Retention Components
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Internal Code:	N/A	Date of Report:	9/7/2012
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Submitted to: Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, DC 20590

Attn: Mrs. Kelly Schuler, Office of Defects Investigation
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Preparer's Signature:

III. DESCRIBE THE DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE

Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

Certain work trucks do not comply with FMVSS 206, S4.2.1, which requires each sliding door system to be equipped with either a primary door latch system or a door latch system with a fully latched position and a door closure warning system.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The non-compliance is a result of misinterpretation of the application FMVSS 206 following the Agency's 2007 amendment to the standard.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

If either sliding door were to become partially open, occupants could be ejected resulting in serious injury.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

The doors could open partially without warning.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address:

Generic Component Name:	N/A
Supplier Part Number:	N/A
Utilimaster Part Number:	N/A
Supplier Corporate Name:	N/A
Address:	N/A
CEO or Knowledgeable Rep:	

IV. PROVIDE THE CHRONOLOGY IN DETERMINING THE DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE

If defect, furnish a chronological summary with dates of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. Include number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

N/A

If noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data in chronological order with dates on which the noncompliance was determined.

16DEC11 - On or near this date, Compliance was asked to review the applicability section of F/CMVSS 206 to determine if it applied to trucks with a GVWR of 10000 lbs or greater.

20DEC11 - Reviews F/CMVSS 206 and advises Utilimaster that both standards apply to trucks regardless of weight rating.

22DEC11 - Utilimaster determines a non-compliance exists in certain work trucks. A "stop ship" was placed on all affected product on Utilimaster premises until such vehicles could be brought into compliance.

30DEC11 - Compliance notifies NHTSA of the non-compliance.

23JAN12 - Spartan Motors, Inc. submits Petition for Exemption for Inconsequential Noncompliance to NHTSA.

09AUG12 - Denial of the petition is published in the Federal Register.

16AUG12 - Utilimaster submits a supplement to it's original 573 Non-Compliance Report informing the NHTSA its consideration of appealing the denial.

30AUG12 - Compliance receives notice Utilimaster has decided to not appeal and to move forward with the recall.

07SEP12 - Compliance updates original filing with established notification timing and updates the NHTSA.

V. IDENTIFY THE REMEDY

Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Utilimaster will install a primary door latching system or a door closure warning system on vehicles that are not equipped with such.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Vehicles with the remedy will be equipped with a primary door latch system or door closure warning system. Those that have not been remedied prior to the correction in production will not have either system.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

A stop-ship was implemented on December 21, 2011 and a primary door latch system was installed. Certain vehicles after this date received a door closure warning system.

VI. IDENTIFY THE RECALL SCHEDULE

Furnish a schedule or agenda, with specific dates, for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please identify any foreseeable problems with implementing this recall.

See below

VII. FURNISH RECALL COMMUNICATIONS

Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification.

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION	DATE AND MANNER SUBMITTED
Notification letter to other manufacturers	N/A
Draft Notification letter to purchasers	28-Sep-12
Press release (if applicable)	N/A
Recall Service Bulletin (RSB)	28-Sep-12
Notification Envelope	Pre-Approved

The manufacturer's campaign identification number if not identical to the number assigned by

N/A