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October 3, 2013

Ms. Nancy Lewis  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. - Defect Information Report

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Spartan Motors, Inc, on behalf of Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. (Spartan Chassis), hereby reports a defect relating to motor vehicle safety. Spartan Chassis has determined a defect involving the routing of the park brake cable on vehicles altered between when February 17, 2011 through February 22, 2013

Please contact me with any questions as it relates to this matter.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wesley D. Chestnut', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wesley D. Chestnut  
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**Defect Information Report**

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**573.6(c)(1):** Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.  
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**573.6(c)(2):** Vehicles affected by this recall were altered by Spartan Chassis for the purpose of being completed as a transit or shuttle bus. The altered vehicles are equipped with hydraulic brakes and a park brake cable routed from the front to the rear of the chassis cab.

<b>Make</b>	Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.
<b>Models</b>	Transit Bus Chassis Cab
<b>Model Years</b>	2011 through 2013
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	Transit Bus Chassis Cab
<b>Weight Range (GVWR)</b>	14,200 lbs
<b>VDM Range</b>	2/17/2011 through 2/22/2013

Table 1

**573.6(c)(3)** The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is shown in Table 2.

<b>Model</b>	<b>Model Year</b>	<b>Number Involved</b>
Transit Bus Chassis Cab	2011	6
Transit Bus Chassis Cab	2012	46
Transit Bus Chassis Cab	2013	21
<b>Total</b>		73

Table 2

**573.6(c)(4)** The percentage of the vehicles produced between the dates of manufacturing shown in **Table 2** that contain the defect is unknown.

**573.6(c)(5)** The park brake cable may be routed in a manner in which it contacts the rear hydraulic brake line. This contact could lead to a hole being worn in the hydraulic brake line which could result in a loss of rear brakes without warning. Loss of rear brakes could lead to increased stopping distance may result in a vehicle crash.

**573.6(c)(6)** **March 26, 2013** – Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. was made aware the park brake cable was routed in a manner in which it contacts the rear hydraulic brake line.



**July 11, 2013** – An assessment of the the issue associated with the park brake cable routing began.

**September 26, 2013** – Spartan Chassis determines the park brake cable routed against the hydraulic brake line is a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

**573.6(c)(8)** Spartan Chassis will supply retaining clips and instructions on proper retention of the park brake cable. This will be done at no charge. Customer notification is expected to begin in mid-October.