



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Wesley Chestnut  
Lead, Compliance  
Spartan Motors, Inc.  
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Charlotte, MI 48813

NVS-215KS  
14V-191

**Subject:** Fuel Tank may Separate from Vehicle

Dear Mr. Chestnut:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Motors, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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 MOTORS/TRANSIT BUS CHASSIS CAB/2011-2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 14, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-191

**Components:**

FUEL SYSTEM, DIESEL:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 91

**Problem Description:**

Spartan Motors Chassis Inc. (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2011-2014 Transit Bus Chassis Cab vehicles manufactured February 17, 2011, through March 18, 2014. The affected vehicles have fuel tank mounting crossmembers that could crack and potentially allow the fuel tank to fall to the ground, resulting in a fuel leak.

**Consequence:**

A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source increases the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

Spartan will notify owners, and dealers will install new fuel tank mounting crossmembers, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2014. Owners may contact Spartan at 1-517-543-6400. Spartan's number for this recall is 14005.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Spartan's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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