



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.
1541 Reynolds Road
Charlotte, MI 48813

NVS-215KS
14V-359

Subject: Fuel Fitting Chafing may Result in Fuel Leak

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/GLADIATOR/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: June 23, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-359

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9

Problem Description:

Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc. (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Gladiator emergency vehicles manufactured October 22, 2012, to February 12, 2014. In the affected vehicles, a high pressure fuel fitting may make contact with the aluminum engine tunnel overlay causing the fitting to wear and possibly leak fuel.

Consequence:

If the fuel fitting leaks in the presence of an ignition source, there is an increased risk of fire.

Remedy:

Spartan will notify owners, and dealers will install a new remote fuel filter mounting bracket to move the filter inboard, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early August 2014. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-517-543-6400. Spartan's number for this recall is 14009.

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.

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.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Timian", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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