



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-513

Subject: Hand Throttle And Pressure Governors/Engine Surge

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/2013-2015
SPARTAN/METROSTAR/2011, 2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: August 20, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-513

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 95

Problem Description:

Spartan Motors, Inc. (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 Gladiator, and 2011 and 2013-2014 MetroStar emergency vehicles manufactured June 15, 2011, to January 14, 2014. The affected vehicles are equipped with a pressure governor or hand throttle supplied by Fire Research Corporation (FRC). Due to an issue with the software for the pressure governor or hand throttle, the affected vehicles may experience an engine surge.

Consequence:

A surge in engine speed can cause increased water pressure at the end of a fire hose, increasing the risk of personal injury.

Remedy:

Spartan will notify owners, and dealers will install a software update, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2014. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-517-543-6400. Spartan's number for this recall is 14013.

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.

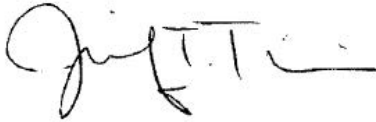
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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