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April 10, 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: Utilimaster Corporation - 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 Utilimaster Corporation, hereby reports a defect relating to motor vehicle safety. Utilimaster has determined a defect involving a potential loose power connection at the power stud terminal block on Aeromaster vehicles built between January 1, 2010 and March 19, 2014.

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', written in a cursive style.

Wesley D. Chestnut
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Defect Information Report

573.6(c)(1): Utilimaster
608 Earthway Boulevard
Bristol, IN 46507

573.6(c)(2): Aeromaster bodies affected by this recall are equipped with an electrical junction box supplied by the chassis manufacturer to which Utilimaster installs attaches an electrical harness that is in addition to the original installed power cables. Vehicles excluded from this recall are not equipped with the same harness or junction box.

Make	Utilimaster
Models	Aeromaster
Model Years	2010 - 2014
Vehicle Type	Walk – In Vans
Weight Range (GVWR)	16000 lbs – 22000 lbs
VDM Range	1/1/2010 through 3/31/2014

Table 1

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

Model	Model Year	Number Involved
Aeromaster	2010	67
Aeromaster	2011	321
Aeromaster	2012	1112
Aeromaster	2013	1345
Aeromaster	2014	355
Total		3200

Table 2

573.6(c)(4) The percentage of vehicles produced between the dates of manufacturing shown in **Table 1** that actually contains the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5) The fastener on the power stud for the electrical terminal may be loose. A loose terminal may allow for arcing or high heat on the terminal. Arcing or high heat may result in a vehicle fire without warning.



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573.6(c)(6) *Pending*

573.6(c)(8) Instructions will be given for inspection of the electrical connection. If found loose, instructions will be given for proper tightening of the electrical connection. This will be done at no charge. Customer notification is expected to begin in late April 2014.