



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

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Washington, DC 20590

April 1, 2015

Mr. Jeremy Steele
VP, Assistant General Counsel
Spartan Tool, LLC
1506 W. Division Street
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NVS-215SM
15V-151

Subject: Trailer Hitch Welds may Fail

Dear Mr. Steele:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Tool, LLC'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 TOOL/SEWER JETTER 738/2013-2014
SPARTAN TOOL/SEWER JETTER 740/2013-2014
SPARTAN TOOL/SEWER JETTER 758/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: March 13, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-151

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 88

Problem Description:

Spartan Tool, LLC (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Sewer Jetters, model numbers 738, 740, and 758, manufactured November 1, 2013, to December 31, 2014. The trailer mounted Sewer Jetters may have their trailer hitch welds fail, and the trailer may detach from the tow vehicle.

Consequence:

If the trailer detaches from the tow vehicle, there is an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan will notify owners, and dealers will replace the hitch tubes with formed hitch tubes, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2015. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-800-435-3866.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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