



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

October 27, 2015

Mr. Wesley Chestnut
Spartan Motors USA
1541 Reynolds Road
Charlotte, MI 48813

NVS-215KS
15V-667

Subject: Undercarriage Ramp Rubbing Hydraulic Brake Line

Dear Mr. Chestnut:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Motors USA'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:

UTILIMASTER/WALK-IN VAN/2012

Mfr's Report Date: October 13, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-667

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 209

Problem Description:

Spartan Motors USA (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2012 Utilimaster Walk-In Vans manufactured September 26, 2011, to June 25, 2012. The affected vehicles have an undercarriage ramp that may rub against a hydraulic brake line.

Consequence:

Contact between the ramp and the brake line may cause a hole in the brake line resulting in a loss of brake fluid and lengthening the distance needed to stop the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Utilimaster will notify owners, and dealers will install a new hydraulic brake line that will not contact the undercarriage ramp, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2015. Owners may contact Utilimaster customer service at 1-800-582-3454. Spartan's number for this recall is 15023.

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 Utilimaster'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 provide an updated owner notification schedule once it has been determined.

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 horizontal stroke at the end.

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