

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-170****Manufacturer Name :** Spartan Motors, Inc.**Submission Date :** MAR 20,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-170**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 15006**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Spartan Motors, Inc.

Address : 1541 Reynolds Road

Charlotte MI 48813

Company phone : 517-543-6400

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 292

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2011-2016 Spartan Motors Chassis School Bus Chassis (SB)

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The affected chassis are school bus chassis built for Lion Bus.

Production Dates : APR 21, 2011 - FEB 26, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The terminals at the heated fuel water separator heater are melting.

Description of the Safety Risk : If the terminals and connector melt allowing air into the fuel system, the engine could stall. Additionally, heat from the terminals may ignite the connector, harness, and other material. This may increase the risk of a crash or cause property damage.

Description of the Cause : The cause is not yet known.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The melting can occur without warning.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

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Country : NR

**Chronology :**

Between January 2015 and March 2015, Spartan received 5 complaints associated with the reported defect and an internal investigation was opened to determine the cause. On March 13, 2015 a complaint involving open flames was received and the organization determined a safety defect exists the affected chassis.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : At this time, a remedy has not been identified. However, customers have been instructed to disconnect the harness from the heated fuel water separator. Therefore, a subsequent notice will need to be issued when the remedy is identified.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Customers, dealers, and the final stage manufacturer (Lion Bus) have been notified to disconnect the harness as of 3/17.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 20, 2015 - MAR 20, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 20, 2015 - MAR 20, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported