

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-667****Manufacturer Name :** Spartan Motors USA**Submission Date :** OCT 13,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-667**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 15023**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Spartan Motors USA

Address : 1541 Reynolds Road

Charlotte MI 48813

Company phone : 517-543-6400

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 209

Estimated percentage with defect : 0

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2012-2012 Utilimaster Walk-In Vans

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : Completed vehicles affected by this recall are delivery and service walk-in vans
completed by Utilimaster

Production Dates : SEP 26, 2011 - JUN 25, 2012

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**Description of the Defect : An undercarriage ramp installed by Utilimaster may chafe against the hydraulic
brake line causing a hole in the line.

FMVSS 1 :NR

FMVSS 2 :NR

Description of the Safety Risk : A hole in the hydraulic brake line may result in loss of brake fluid which could
increase stopping distance of the vehicle. Increased stopping distance could
increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On April 9, 2015, Utilimaster received a customer complaint indicating the brake line was chafing against the undercarriage ramp and resulting in a hole in the brake line. On April 28, 2015, a second complaint was received related to the issue.

On May 8, 2015, a vehicle inspection was conducted on the vehicle that was subject to the April 28, 2015 complaint.

On 6/29/2015, 21 vehicles were inspected and 2 of those vehicles were determined to have brake lines contacting the undercarriage ramp.

July 21, 2015, installation reviews in manufacturing were conducted to determine clearance between the undercarriage ramp and brake line

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : A new hydraulic brake line that is reoriented to gain clearance from the undercarriage ramp will be installed.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The new brake line will be routed in a manner to provide clearance from the undercarriage ramp.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : On 9/3/2015, new installation drawings were implemented in production that illustrated the required clearance between the undercarriage ramp and the hydraulic brake line.

On October 9, 2015, Utilimaster determined a safety defect may exist in the affected vehicles.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 23, 2015 - OCT 23, 2015

* NR - Not Reported