



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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

NVS-215KS
16V-134

Subject: Parking Brake Cable Clips may Fail

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:

SPARTAN/SB/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: March 4, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-134

Components:

PARKING BRAKE:CONVENTIONAL:MECHANICAL:LINKAGE AND CABLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 63

Problem Description:

Spartan Motors USA (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2016-2017 Specialty Vehicle school bus chassis manufactured from March 19, 2015, through November 9, 2015. The metal connecting clip that connects the hand operated parking brake actuator cable to the intermediate parking brake cable may fail.

Consequence:

If the parking brake cable connection fails, the vehicle may unexpectedly roll, increasing the risk of injury or a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan will notify owners, and dealers will install new clips, free of charge. The parts are currently not available and all owners are advised to chock their wheels until the parts become available. The recall is expected to begin during April 2016. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-800-543-4277. Spartan's number for this recall is 16005.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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,



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