



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

NEF-150KS
16V-537

Subject: Chassis Frame May Crack Causing Loss of Control

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 MOTORS/TRANSIT BUS CHASSIS CAB/2014

Mfr's Report Date: July 15, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-537

Components:

STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 22

Problem Description:

Spartan Motors USA (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2014 Transit Bus Chassis Cabs manufactured January 29, 2014, to December 1, 2014 and built to be completed as transit buses powered by compressed natural gas (CNG). These chassis cabs have frames that may crack.

Consequence:

The cracked frame may reduce the driver's ability to control the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan has notified owners, and dealers will weld any cracked frames as an interim fix. For the final remedy, the dealers will add reinforcement to both chassis rails, free of charge. The recall began on July 15, 2016. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-517-543-6400. Spartan's number for this recall is 16019.

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.

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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

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