



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

November 14, 2016

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

NEF-150KS  
16V-795

**Subject:** Exhaust Tube Can Separate Causing Fire

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/2011-2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 27, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-795

**Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 245

**Problem Description:**

Spartan Motors USA (Spartan) is recalling certain model year 2011-2017 Transit Bus Chassis Cabs manufactured February 17, 2011, to October 19, 2016. The affected vehicles have an exhaust tube that may disconnect at a joint near the underside of the floor, potentially exposing the floor to high temperatures for prolonged time periods.

**Consequence:**

If the floor is exposed to the heat of exhaust gases for long periods, it can increase the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

Spartan will notify owners, and dealers will remove the current securing clamp and install a sleeve with different clamps, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 16, 2016. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-800-543-4277. Spartan's number for this recall is 16026.

**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](http://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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement