

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 16V-639

**Manufacturer Name :** Spartan Motors USA

**Submission Date :** NOV 28, 2017

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-639

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 16023



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Spartan Motors USA

**Address :** 1541 Reynolds Road

Charlotte MI 48813

**Company phone :** 517-543-6400

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 151

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2016-2016 Utilmaster Walk-In Vans

**Vehicle Type :** BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

**Body Style :** OTHER

**Power Train :** DIESEL

**Descriptive Information :** Walk-in vans affected by this recall are equipped with a reclining style seat provided by Freedman Seats

**Production Dates :** JAN 01, 2016 - AUG 24, 2016

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** The reclining mechanism may fail causing the seat to inadvertently recline

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If the seat fails inadvertently in a crash, an increased risk of personal injury may exist.

**Description of the Cause :** Unknown

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** This could occur without warning.

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

**Name :** Freedman Seating

**Address :** 4545 West Augusta Blvd

Chicago ILLINOIS 60651  
Country : United States

## Chronology :

On, or near, August 16, 2016, Spartan received warranty claims indicating the reclining mechanism in certain seats may fail. Based on the claims, Spartan expanded it's warranty review to determine if there had been other claims, none were identified. After review of the production information and the corresponding warranty claims, Spartan decided, on 8/26/2016, a safety related defect could exist in the affected vehicles.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : A replacement seat without a reclining mechanism at no charge.  
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The seat used for the remedy will not have the reclining mechanism.  
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Use of seats with reclining mechanisms was discontinued on, or near, August 24, 2016.

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : This is still pending. We anticipate having the plan identified on, or before, October 17 2016.  
Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR  
Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 17, 2016 - OCT 17, 2016  
Utilimaster does not use dealers thus a dealer notification is not needed.

\* NR - Not Reported