



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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## **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL – 18V-206**

**This notice applies to the vehicle identification number in the label below.  
4S7AW2**

Dear Valued Customer,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Spartan Motors USA, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2004-2007 Gladiator model emergency vehicles manufactured between October 13, 2003 and August 31, 2006 and equipped with an Independent Front Suspension supplied by Timoney Technology (Timoney).

***Please note: The Vehicle Identification Number that may be affected by this recall is located at the top of this letter.***

### **What is the defect?**

According to Timoney, over time, hub spindles on the IFS may experience a fatigue failure at the transition point between the spindle spigot and the spindle mounting flange (which bolts to the hub knuckle).

These fatigue cracks could result in a failure of the spindle and possible separation of the wheel from the vehicle which increases risk of a crash. This could occur without warning.

### **Corrective Action:**

Repair kits that include new spindles will be supplied at no charge.

**Labor Time:**

Removal and reinstallation of the spindles may take up to 2 hours. However, due to some service scheduling times, your service center may need your vehicle for a longer period.

**What You Should Do:**

**Call Spartan at 1-800-543-5008 to locate a qualified service center near you. Steps will be taken to ensure the recall is performed at the nearest service center.**

**Leased Vehicles:**

The lessor must notify the lessee by first class mail within ten (10) days from receipt of their owner notification letter from the manufacturer; both for the initial notification and all subsequent notifications.

**Reimbursement:**

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Spartan at 1-800-543-5008.

**Reply Card:**

Please fill out the enclosed prepaid postcard and mail it to us if you have changed your address, sold, or traded the vehicle.

If the authorized service center has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge and within a reasonable time, contact Spartan at 1-800-543-5008. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov> if you feel the manufacturer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge

We regret any inconvenience this service may cause you. Your safety and continued satisfaction with the quality and performance of your chassis is of the utmost concern to us.

Sincerely,

Spartan Motors USA, Inc.