

June 23, 2020

Ms. Allison Freeman Spartan Fire, LLC 1541 Reynolds Road Charlotte, MI 48813

Subject: Wireless Controller Sleep Mode Disabled

Dear Ms. Freeman:

This letter serves to acknowledge Spartan Fire, LLC'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 FIRE/GLADIATOR/2019

Mfr's Report Date: June 15, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-353

**Components:** EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

## **Problem Description:**

Spartan Fire, LLC (Spartan) is recalling one 2019 Gladiator firefighting vehicle equipped with battery-powered 3600 wireless remote controller units used to control the movement of electric firefighting monitors in firefighting vehicles. The monitor is used to direct the water stream and adjust the spray pattern. The wireless remote controller's sleep mode is disabled, resulting in the batteries discharging faster than normal.

## **Consequence:**

Inability to use the wireless remote controller may hinder the firefighting efforts, increasing the risk of injury.

## **Remedy:**

Spartan has notified the dealer that has the unit and will request that they return the affected wireless remote controller to Akron Brass for a software update to enable the sleep mode, free of charge. This recall began June 15, 2020. Owners may contact Akron Brass customer service at 1-800-228-1161 or Spartan customer service at 1-800-867-6478.

## 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:



1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NEF-150MR 20V-353

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.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

