



U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 10, 2025

25V584

Allison Misner
Spartan Fire, LLC
1541 Reynolds Rd
Charlotte, MI 48813

Subject: Defective Latch may Prevent Door from Opening

Dear Allison Misner:

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/2023-2026
SPARTAN FIRE/METROSTAR/2023-2026
SPARTAN FIRE/FC-94/2023-2026
KME/PANTHER/2023-2026
KME/PREDATOR/2024-2025

Mfr's Report Date: September 06, 2025

NHTSA Campaign Number: 25V584

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:DOORS:LATCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,260

Problem Description:

Spartan Fire, LLC (Spartan) is recalling certain 2023-2026 Gladiator, Metrostar, FC-94, KME Panther, and 2024-2025 Predator vehicles. The actuator lever arm in the cab door latch may bind or become wedged, preventing the door from opening.

Consequence:

A door that cannot be opened may trap occupants inside the vehicle, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:



Dealers will inspect and replace the door latches as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed October 6, 2025. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-517-543-6400. Spartan's number for this recall is 25010.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Spartan Fire, LLC's contact for this recall will be Sarah Shiver who may be reached by email at SARAH.SHIVER@DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement