



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 6, 2018

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

NEF-150MR
18V-384

Subject: Tag Axle Tire Damage from DEF Bracket

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/K2/2016-2019
SPARTAN/K3/2016-2019

Mfr's Report Date: June 7, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-384

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER
FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY:MOUNTING
TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 102

Problem Description:

Spartan Motors USA (Spartan) is recalling certain 2016-2019 Spartan Specialty Vehicles K2 and K3 motorhome chassis. The tag axle tire may become damaged due to contact with the Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) fill mounting bracket.

Consequence:

The damaged tag axle tire may fail, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan has notified owners, and dealers will modify the DEF fill mounting bracket to give adequate clearance to the tag axle tire, free of charge. The recall began on June 25, 2018. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-800-543-5008. Spartan's number for this recall is 1806.

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:

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).

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement