

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

September 6, 2018

Mr. Wesley Chestnut Spartan Motors USA 1541 Reynolds Road Charlotte, MI 48813 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NEF-150MR 18V-538

Subject: Vehicle May Move if Parked on a Grade

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/K2/2018-2019

Mfr's Report Date: August 15, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-538

**Components:** 

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

**Potential Number of Units Affected: 274** 

## **Problem Description:**

Spartan Motors USA (Spartan) is recalling certain 2018-2019 Spartan Specialty K2 vehicles. The park brake systems on these chassis may not be able to prevent the vehicles from moving unintentionally if parked on a grade. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake Systems."

#### **Consequence:**

If the vehicle moves unintentionally while parked on a grade, it could increase the risk of a crash.

### Remedy:

Spartan will notify the Entegra motorhome owners, and Spartan dealers will install new brake chambers, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2018. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-800-543-5008. Spartan's number for this recall is 18023.

#### **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.



Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received Spartan's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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

