



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

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Mr. Robert Sorensen
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NEF-150MR
19V-913

Subject: Brake Relay Valve Air Flow Restriction/FMVSS 121

Dear Mr. Sorensen:

This letter serves to acknowledge SVI Trucks'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/METROSTAR/2019

Mfr's Report Date: December 20, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-913

Components:
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Problem Description:

SVI Trucks is recalling certain vehicles built on 2019 Spartan Emergency Response MetroStar chassis. The brake relay valve may have an air flow restriction, which may result in an increased stopping distance. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake Systems."

Consequence:

A longer distance needed to stop the vehicle can increase the risk of crash.

Remedy:

Spartan will notify owners, and Spartan dealers will inspect and replace the valves, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Spartan customer service at 1-800-543-5008 or SVI Trucks customer service at 1-888-784-1112.

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.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- In the case of a defect, a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(6)).

Your Defect Information report is filed as a safety defect, yet you reference being noncompliant to a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard.

Your Defect Information Report lists 2018-2019 Spartan Motors USA, Inc. Gladiator, MetroStar, K2, K3 and K4 vehicles which is a minimum of 10 units, however you only have 2 VINs affected. Please correct your filing.

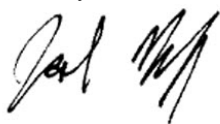
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

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