



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

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NEF-107MR
21V-458

Subject: Broken Shaft Seal May Cause Loss of Power Steering

Dear Rachel Heineman:

This letter serves to acknowledge Marion Body Works Inc.'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/2019-2021
SPARTAN FIRE/METROSTAR/2019-2021

Mfr's Report Date: June 17, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-458

Components:

STEERING:HYDRAULIC POWER ASSIST:PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Problem Description:

Marion Body Works Inc. is recalling certain 2019-2021 Spartan Gladiator and MetroStar vehicles. Pressure may build in the power steering pump and break the shaft seal, resulting in a loss of power steering assist.

Consequence:

A loss of power steering assist can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Spartan dealers will replace the power steering pump, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed in June 2021. Owners may contact Marion Body Works customer service at 1-715-754-5261. Marion Body Works number for this recall is 21V-252.

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.nhtsa.gov.

We have received Marion Body Work's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.



Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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).

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.

Marion Body Works Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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