



November 11, 2008

To: Alex Ansley

From: Wes Chestnut  
Sr. Compliance Analyst

Re: EQ08-013/08E-038 Response

Dear Mr. Ansley,

We have received notice of investigation from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that Spartan Chassis, Inc. may have purchased and received a number of axles produced by ArvinMeritor containing certain wheel end studs which may have been improperly heat treated. Prior to this notification, Spartan Chassis, Inc was made aware of the potential problem. After initial investigation, Spartan Chassis, Inc., along with Arvin Meritor, did not recognize units that had been sold at the retail level. However, Spartan Chassis, Inc. did recognize certain axles may have been installed in chassis that were at the second stage of manufacturing the final vehicle or on-site at Spartan Chassis, Inc. Therefore Spartan Chassis, Inc. developed a plan to contain all units either on-site or at each body manufacturer.

The plan was implemented without delay. All units identified were quarantined and wheel studs were replaced. There was no exposure to the retail customer as all chassis containing suspect axles were contained during the manufacturing process. Therefore, Spartan Chassis, Inc. did not file a defect notice in accordance with 49CFR573.

If you have further questions or further concerns, with this matter please contact me directly.

Best Regards,

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