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Spartan Chassis Debuts Passive Steer Tag Axle for RV Industry

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Purpose-Built Passive Steer Tag Axle With a 7% Reduction in Curb-to-Curb Turning Radius.

CHARLOTTE, Mich., May 22, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Spartan Chassis, Inc.](#) ("Spartan" or the "Company"), a subsidiary of [Spartan Motors, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:SPAR), introduced today its new [Passive Steer Tag Axle](#)* for the Recreational Vehicle (RV) industry. This purpose-built Passive Steer Tag Axle produces a 7% reduction in curb-to-curb turning radius.

"Spartan's Passive Steer Tag Axle has been designed, engineered and purpose-built for motorhomes in the recreational vehicle industry," said Timothy Hamm, Vice President, Sales and Business Development of the Specialty Vehicles business unit, Spartan Chassis. "We take great pride in the competencies of the technical staff at Spartan and the ground-up approach they bring to chassis engineering. This passive tag is not an adaptation of an existing design."

Spartan Chassis has designed and packaged its Passive Steer Tag Axle to minimize intrusion into the OEM's floor plans. Additionally, reduced system mass achieved through a unique design enables increased cargo carrying capacity, depending on the configuration of the OEM's floor plan.

When a motorhome equipped with the Spartan Passive Steer Tag Axle is shifted into reverse, the alignment mechanism automatically straightens the tires to further reduce tire wear.

The Passive Steer Tag Axle is standard equipment on the 2015 Model Year Newmar Essex and King Aire Luxury Motor Coaches on a Spartan Chassis platform.

Spartan custom manufactures chassis to the individual specifications of its RV OEM customers such as Entegra Coach, Newmar Corporation and Tiffin Motorhomes.

**Model restrictions apply*

About Spartan Chassis, Inc.

Spartan Chassis, Inc. is a world-class leader in the engineering, manufacturing and marketing of chassis and aftermarket parts for emergency-response, recreational vehicle (RV), defense and specialty vehicles. End users recognize and request the Spartan Chassis brand, which consistently delivers superior performance, exceptional safety ratings and innovations which distinguish us from the competition. Visit Spartan Chassis at www.spartanchassis.com.

About Spartan Motors

Spartan Motors, Inc. designs, engineers and manufactures specialty chassis, specialty vehicles, truck bodies and aftermarket parts for the recreational vehicle (RV), emergency response, government services, defense, and delivery and service markets. The Company's brand names – Spartan™, Spartan Chassis™, Spartan ER™, Spartan ERV™ and Utilimaster® - are known for quality, performance, service and first-to-market innovation. The Company employs approximately 1,800 associates at facilities in Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Indiana, and Florida. Spartan reported sales of \$471 million in 2012 and is focused on becoming a global leader in the design, engineering and manufacture of specialty vehicles and chassis. Visit Spartan Motors at theshyftgroup.com.

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