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Spartan Motors and Foretravel Motorcoach Partner to Introduce Smaller Footprint Luxury RV at Florida RV SuperShow

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Nimble design provides premium RV owner experience in an agile, affordable package

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 17, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Foretravel Motorcoach, a leading manufacturer of luxury motorhomes, and Spartan Motors, Inc. (NASDAQ: SPAR), a global leader in specialty chassis and vehicle design, manufacturing and assembly, have introduced the Foretravel Iron Colt (ic-37), a 37-foot Class A diesel RV targeted towards new recreational vehicle users (RVers) just entering the Class A segment or experienced adventurers looking to downsize in size but not in features.



Unveiled in Tampa at the Florida RV SuperShow (booth #145 in the Expo Hall), the Foretravel ic-37 is built atop Spartan's K2 450 chassis to provide the best in technology, stability, safety and maneuverability. The ic-37 features Spartan Motors' industry-leading Safe Haul™ integrated tow braking system and Connected Coach™, a technology bundle that includes a digital dash—display of the coach's instrument panel cluster and navigation components in a single, easy-to-read format. Additionally, the ic-37 includes fuel level and DEF level gauges, and keyless start technology.

Recognizing a gap in the RV marketplace, Foretravel designed the ic-37 to be smaller in length and shorter in height, while increasing horsepower to preserve towing and power capabilities associated with the Class A diesel segment. The ic-37 offers additional alongside large capacity tanks for onboard fuel, freshwater, and corresponding holding tanks that allow owners to extend their adventures. Although shorter in length, the ic-37 maintains the same luxury and craftsmanship standards of Foretravel's larger footprint models.

"Our ih-45 model is built on a larger format Spartan chassis, and our research led us to translate the design into a more compact footprint to serve a wider array of customers," said Tyle Fore, Director of Marketing and Factory Coach Specialist at Foretravel Motorcoach. "Building the ic-37 on a Spartan chassis, the industry's premier foundation, allowed us to continue our 50-year tradition of providing customized luxury adventures."

Premium features unique to the Foretravel ic-37, riding on the Spartan K2 450, include:

- Cummins L9 450-HP diesel engine
- Allison 3000 MH transmission
- 3-stage engine compression brake
- Suspended adjustable pedals
- 17,000-lb. independent front suspension with air disc brakes
- 24,000-lb. drive axle with air disc brakes
- Spartan Connected Coach™ featuring push-button start and next-generation digital dash
- Safe Haul™ chassis integrated air supply for tow vehicle brake systems

"Our K2 450 chassis offers the premium foundation in every sense," said Steve Guillaume, President of Spartan Specialty Vehicles. "Spartan chassis are recognized for safety, comfort and quality, and we've pushed the industry forward with technology one would expect in a luxury driving experience. A state-of-the-art digital dash, push-button starting, integrated tow vehicle braking, and other features appropriately align the driving experience to what one would

expect in a luxury car, and we are pleased to partner with Foretravel to bring the Iron Colt to market."

In addition to best-in-class technology, Spartan offers OEMs a network of nearly 300 authorized service centers across the U.S. to provide RV owners with 24/7/365 support.

A video walkthrough of the ic-37 can be found here: <https://youtu.be/rAwIWru5mvY/>.

The Florida RV SuperShow is the largest RV show in the nation. The event takes place annually in January at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa.

About Spartan Motors

Spartan Motors, Inc. is a leading designer, engineer, manufacturer, and marketer of a broad range of specialty vehicles, specialty chassis, vehicle bodies, and parts for the fleet and delivery, recreational vehicle (RV), emergency response, defense forces, and contract assembly (light/medium duty truck) markets. The Company's brand names — Spartan Motors, Spartan Specialty Vehicles, Spartan Emergency Response, Spartan Parts and Accessories, Smeal, and its family of brands, including Ladder Tower™ and UST®; Strobes-R-U's; and Utilimaster®, a Spartan Motors Company — are known for quality, durability, performance, customer service, and first-to-market innovation. The Company employs approximately 2,300 associates, and operates facilities in Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, South Carolina, South Dakota; Saltillo, Mexico; and Lima, Peru. Spartan reported sales of \$707 million in 2017. Visit Spartan Motors at theshyftgroup.com.

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