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Spartan Motors Gains New RV Customer RV Supplier to Help OEM Travel Supreme Enter The Class A Diesel Pusher Motorhome Market

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CHARLOTTE, Mich., Dec. 9 /PRNewswire/ -- Spartan Motors, Inc. (NASDAQ:SPAR) today announced it has been named exclusive chassis supplier to recreational vehicle manufacturer Travel Supreme, Inc., which introduced its first line of Class A motorhomes at the RVIA show in Louisville.

The Charlotte, Mich. chassis manufacturer said it received its first prototype orders for Spartan's Summit chassis from Travel Supreme mid-year 1999. During the RV industry's largest trade show last week, Travel Supreme also placed an immediate order for the new Summit GTI platform introduced by Spartan at the Louisville show.

Travel Supreme, a Wakarusa, Ind. manufacturer of fifth-wheel travel trailers, said its new Class A motorhome "The Travel Supreme" will capitalize on its proven strengths in the towables market while expanding into the fast-growing Class A diesel pusher motorhome segment.

"The Travel Supreme series marks our first entree into the Class A motorhome market, and we wanted to go with a proven winner," said Glenn Troyer, President of Travel Supreme. "We chose Spartan and its new Summit series for its performance, quality and innovation and are confident that our new Class A diesel pusher motorhome on a Spartan chassis will be an excellent fit in the growing Class A segment. The Summit GTI will be an excellent fit in the Travel Supreme line-up as it will allow customers to step up to more horsepower and premium performance."

Travel Supreme will be receiving the new Summit GTI beginning in the second quarter of 2000. Travel Supreme joins six other OEM manufacturers who have selected the Spartan Summit platform for their Class A vehicles. Spartan expanded its Summit line offerings at this year's RVIA show when it introduced the Summit GTI, which introduces the new second-generation independent front suspension (IFS) to the entry-level diesel-pusher market.

John Szykiel, president and chief operating officer of Spartan Motors, said the Company received prototype orders for both its Summit GTI chassis and the Rocket FTB or "For the Boomer" chassis, a second entry-level diesel pusher introduced last week at RVIA. These two new chassis bring diesel pushers to the 28 ft. to 36 ft. segment of the motorhome market, which is now dominated by gas-powered vehicles.

"Spartan Motors is gratified that RV manufacturers have recognized the innovation we bring to the market," Szykiel said. "The reception our two new diesel pushers received at RVIA underscores the fact that Spartan is dedicated to delivering innovative, high-quality products at attractive prices."

"We are also pleased to add Travel Supreme as a customer and look forward to working with them to bring their exciting new Class A motorhome to market. We anticipate building a long-term relationship with Travel Supreme."

Travel Supreme, Inc. has been one of the nation's leading producers of high-end fifth wheel travel trailer products for the past 10 years and intends to repeat that trend in the premium diesel pusher Class A motorhome marketplace.

Spartan Motors, Inc. (<https://theshyftgroup.com/>) is the leading manufacturer of diesel-powered, custom-built chassis for the Class A motorhome market. The Company also manufactures chassis for fire trucks, transit buses, school buses and other specialty vehicles. Spartan owns three companies that manufacture emergency vehicles -- Luverne Fire Apparatus, Quality Manufacturing and Road Rescue -- and a majority stake in school bus manufacturer Carpenter Industries, Inc.

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