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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 19, 2004**

**SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as  
specified in its charter)

**Michigan**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-13611**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**38-2078923**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification no.)

**1165 Reynolds Road**  
**Charlotte, Michigan**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**48813**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code: **(517) 543-6400**

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits:

99.1 Press Release dated May 19, 2004.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 19, 2004, Spartan Motors, Inc. issued the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K, which is here incorporated by reference. This Report and the Exhibit are furnished to, and not filed with, the Commission.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.

Date: May 19, 2004

By /s/ James W. Knapp

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James W. Knapp  
Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Spartan Chassis Announces Increase of Diesel Chassis Sales to Newmar Corp.

CHARLOTTE, Michigan, May 19, 2004-Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR) today announced that its subsidiary, Spartan Chassis, is the exclusive chassis supplier for three of Newmar Corp.'s diesel-powered motorhome product lines for the 2005 model year. These lines include the Dutch Star, Mountain Aire and Essex brands. Spartan said its chassis will also be offered on the Kountry Star and Northern Star brands for 2005 models.

"Our ability to adapt quickly and meet our customer's needs allows for a complete integration of the chassis and motorhome," said Richard Schalter, President of Spartan Chassis. "This brings us to a pivotal point in our business relationship with Newmar, and we are excited about this growth opportunity."

Spartan said the increased business with Newmar Corp. is expected to add approximately 20 percent more units to Spartan's current RV chassis business beginning in the third quarter of 2004.

John Szykiel, CEO of Spartan Motors added: "Spartan Chassis' focus on becoming the most desired brand and the lowest-total-cost producer is enabling them to penetrate markets where they have not been competitive in the past."

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Spartan Chassis, Inc. ([www.spartanchassis.com](http://www.spartanchassis.com)) operates under Spartan Motors, Inc. and is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for recreational vehicles and fire trucks. The company has a reputation for high quality, value, service and being the first to market with innovative products.

*The statements contained in this news release include certain predictions and projections that may be considered "forward-looking statements" under the securities laws. These forward-looking statements are identifiable by words or phrases indicating that the Company or management "expects," "believes" or is "confident" that a particular result "may" or "should" occur, that a particular item "bodes well," that the Company "looks forward" to a particular result, or similar statements. These statements involve many risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially, including but not limited to economic, competitive, governmental and technological factors affecting the Company's operations, markets, products, services and prices. Accounting estimates are inherently forward-looking. Additional information about these and other factors that may adversely affect these forward-looking statements are contained in the Company's reports and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect developments or information obtained after the date of this news release.*

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