



April 23, 2018

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE: 18V172

TO: Affected KME Dealers

KME has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2007-2013 KME vehicles manufactured from June 2006 through December 2012 equipped with Timoney Gen 2 Strider Independent Front Suspensions. Accordingly, a recall to address this issue is expected to start on or before May 4, 2018.

KME has been informed by Timoney Technologies that, on certain Timoney Gen 2 Strider independent front suspension front axle spindles, inconsistent machining operations could cause stress risers in the spindle that could cause long-term durability failure. Over time and under certain harsh duty cycles, a fatigue crack could develop in the spindle, causing failure of the spindle and possible separation of the wheel from the vehicle, which increases the risk of a crash.

Owners will be notified by mail about the recall and will be instructed to contact their KME Dealer or KME to schedule an appointment to have the replacement of the spindles performed. There is no cost to owners for this recall.

KME is providing, free of charge, spindle rebuild kits, necessary tooling and installation instructions to KME Dealers for them to install the new components on the affected trucks.

Please be reminded that it is a violation of Federal law for you deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment covered by this notification until this defect has been remedied. Substantial civil penalties apply to violations of this law.

Your assistance with this recall is appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or KME Customer Service at (570) 669-5230.

Sincerely,