



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Mr. Brian Polgrean
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NEF-150MR
19V-528

Subject: Hydraulic Velocity Fuses May Not Activate

Dear Mr. Polgrean:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

KME/PREDATOR AERIAL/2017-2019
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER AERIAL/2017-2019
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER PUMPER/2016-2020
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER RESCUE/2017-2019
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER TANKER/2017-2020
KME/PREDATOR PUMPER/2017-2020
KME/PREDATOR RESCUE/2017-2019
KME/PREDATOR SS AERIAL/2017-2019
KME/PREDATOR SS PUMPER/2016-2020
KME/PREDATOR SS RESCUE/2017-2019
KME/PREDATOR SS TANKER/2017
KME/PREDATOR SS TDA/2017-2019
KME/PREDATOR TANKER/2017-2019
KME/PREDATOR TDA/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: July 12, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-528

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:HOOD:HINGE AND ATTACHMENTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 529

Problem Description:

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp. (KME) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Predator Rescue, SS Rescue, SS Aerial, Aerial, SS TDA and Tanker and Predator Panther Rescue and Aerial, 2016-2020 Predator Panther Pumper and Predator SS Pumper, 2017-2020 Predator Panther Tanker and Predator Pumper, 2017 Predator SS Tanker and 2017-2018 Predator TDA. In the event of a hydraulic system failure while raising or lowering the cab, the hydraulic velocity fuses may not activate and lock the cab in place to prevent the cab from quickly closing.

Consequence:

If the velocity fuses do not activate and stop the cab from lowering, the cab may hit occupants working underneath, increasing the risk of an injury.

Remedy:

KME will notify owners, and dealers will replace the velocity fuses for each cab lift cylinder, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2019. Owners may contact KME customer service at 1-800-235-3928.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received KME's's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components that need to be replaced to remedy this recall condition. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Describe what distinguishes the remedy component from the recalled component" section.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

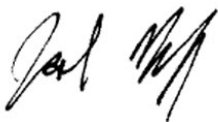
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement