

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

20V-341

Manufacturer Name : Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.**Submission Date :** JUN 10, 2020**NHTSA Recall No. :** 20V-341**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :****Population :**

Manufacturer Name : Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.

Number of potentially involved : 107

Address : One Industrial Complex
Nesquehoning PA 18240

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Company phone : 8002353926

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2011-2020 KME Predator Severe Service

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : -The recall population was determined using build records.

-All vehicles with this installation are being recalled.

-KME Predator Severe Service 2011: 15

-KME Predator Severe Service 2013: 1

-KME Predator Severe Service 2014: 4

-KME Predator Severe Service 2015: 5

-KME Predator Severe Service 2016: 4

-KME Predator Severe Service 2017: 14

-KME Predator Severe Service 2018: 23

-KME Predator Severe Service 2019: 11

-KME Predator Severe Service 2020: 19

Production Dates : JUN 25, 2010 - NOV 27, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2015-2015 KME Predator Panther

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : -The recall population was determined using build records.

-All vehicles with this installation are being recalled.

-KME Predator Panther 2015: 1

Production Dates : APR 19, 2015 - APR 19, 2015

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2011-2018 KME Predator

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : -The recall population was determined using build records.

-All vehicles with this installation are being recalled.

-KME Predator 2011: 2

-KME Predator 2013: 2

-KME Predator 2014: 3

-KME Predator 2017: 1

-KME Predator 2018: 1

Production Dates : SEP 03, 2010 - OCT 02, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Vehicle 4 : 2014-2014 KME Commercial Cab/Chassis

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : -The recall population was determined using build records.

-All vehicles with this installation are being recalled.

-KME Commercial Cab/Chassis 2014: 1

Production Dates : MAY 01, 2014 - MAY 01, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Incorrect fasteners may have been used to mount optional axial retarders.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The incorrect fasteners may vibrate loose allowing the retarder to separate from the vehicle. This could lead to loss of control of the vehicle causing a crash.

Description of the Cause : It was determined that improperly sized fasteners were used on the subject vehicle (US units rather than metric units), and may have been installed on other similar vehicles.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Vibration and/or loosening of bolts.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : RETARDER

Component Description : RETARDER, TELMA DRIVELINE AD72-45

Component Part Number : 028525V011

Component Name 2 : RETARDER

Component Description : RETARDER, TELMA DRIVELINE AD72-00

Component Part Number : 028525V012

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

KME was notified that on May 23, 2020 an axial retarder separated from a vehicle while the vehicle was in motion leading to a crash. No injuries were reported. KME began an investigation and determined incorrect mounting hardware was used in the installation of the retarder.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : KME or its dealers will inspect the mounting hardware on axial retarders and replace any incorrect hardware found at no cost to the vehicle owner. If the owner already incurred costs to remedy this issue, they will be directed in the notification letter to contact KME for reimbursement.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Correct mounting hardware is being used.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : There are no vehicles in production with the optional axial retarder.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : -Planned Dealer Notification: 07/20-07/24/2020

-Planned Owner Notification: 07/27-07/31/2020

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUL 20, 2020 - JUL 24, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUL 27, 2020 - JUL 31, 2020

* NR - Not Reported