

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 21V-097

**Manufacturer Name :** Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.**Submission Date :** FEB 19, 2021**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21V-097**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :****Population :****Manufacturer Name :** Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.**Number of potentially involved :** 88**Address :** One Industrial Complex  
Nesquehoning PA 18240**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %**Company phone :** 8002353926**Vehicle Information :****Vehicle 1 :** 2017-2018 KME Predator SS Rescue**Vehicle Type :** BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES**Body Style :** OTHER**Power Train :** DIESEL

**Descriptive Information :** -The recall population was determined using build records.  
 -All units with this weld process and this axle are included in the recall.  
 -KME Predator SS Rescue-2017: 1  
 -KME Predator SS Rescue-2018: 1

**Production Dates :** MAR 08, 2017 - MAY 19, 2017**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR☐ Not sequential**Vehicle 2 :** 2017-2017 KME Predator Emergency Tractor**Vehicle Type :** BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES**Body Style :** OTHER**Power Train :** DIESEL

**Descriptive Information :** -The recall population was determined using build records.  
 -All units with this weld process and this axle are included in the recall.  
 -KME Predator Emergency Tractor-2017: 4

**Production Dates :** AUG 20, 2016 - AUG 20, 2016**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR☐ Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2014-2020 KME Predator Panther Pumper

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : -The recall population was determined using build records.  
-All units with this weld process and this axle are included in the recall.  
-KME Predator Panther Pumper-2014: 1  
-KME Predator Panther Pumper-2017: 2  
-KME Predator Panther Pumper-2018: 3  
-KME Predator Panther Pumper-2019: 1  
-KME Predator Panther Pumper-2020: 1

Production Dates : OCT 23, 2014 - SEP 05, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

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Vehicle 4 : 2013-2017 KME Predator Pumper

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : -The recall population was determined using build records.  
-All units with this weld process and this axle are included in the recall.  
-KME Predator Pumper-2013: 1  
-KME Predator Pumper-2015: 1  
-KME Predator Pumper-2017: 2

Production Dates : MAR 06, 2012 - MAR 24, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

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Vehicle 5 : 2014-2014 KME Predator Rescue

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : -The recall population was determined using build records.  
-All units with this weld process and this axle are included in the recall.  
-KME Predator Rescue-2014: 2

Production Dates : NOV 30, 2013 - DEC 27, 2013

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

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Vehicle 6 : 2013-2020 KME Predator SS Pumper  
Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES  
Body Style : OTHER  
Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : -The recall population was determined using build records.  
-All units with this weld process and this axle are included in the recall.  
-KME Predator SS Pumper-2013: 14  
-KME Predator SS Pumper-2014: 8  
-KME Predator SS Pumper-2015: 1  
-KME Predator SS Pumper-2016: 9  
-KME Predator SS Pumper-2017: 4  
-KME Predator SS Pumper-2018: 30  
-KME Predator SS Pumper-2020: 2

Production Dates : OCT 26, 2012 - NOV 06, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

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### Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Certain welds used to attach suspension mounts and torque rod mounts to a rear axle may have insufficient welds.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The welds may break causing the mounts to become separated from the axle. This could lead to loss of control of the vehicle causing a crash.

Description of the Cause : The axle manufacturer's weld instructions were not followed by KME during assembly.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Cracking in the welds which may be identified by visual inspection.

### Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

### Supplier Identification :

**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR  
Address : NR  
NR  
Country : NR

**Chronology :**

KME was notified in June, 2020 of a truck that had experienced a separation between the axle housing and the torque rod mount. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the welds had failed. KME conducted a review of the weld procedures. An investigation was started at that time.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program :	KME or its dealers will inspect and verify the integrity of the welds per the weld instructions and will repair any defects 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 :	Welds are correct per the weld instructions.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	No vehicles with this axle are currently in production.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule :	-Dealers will be notified 03-29-2021 to 04-05-2021 -Owners will be notified 04-05-2021 to 04-12-2021
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	MAR 29, 2021 - APR 05, 2021
Planned Owner Notification Date :	APR 05, 2021 - APR 12, 2021

\* NR - Not Reported