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August 26, 2011

Mr. Claude H. Harris
Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Cummins Code C1154

Dear Mr. Harris:

Enclosed please find the Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles (Part 573) of Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp., in connection with Cummins' identification code C1154. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (570) 669-5185 or scormier@kovatch.com. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven M. Cormier", is written over a white background.

STEVEN M. CORMIER
General Counsel

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Enclosure

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹

On August 1, 2011, ~~2008~~, Cummins, Inc. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety) ~~(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. XXXXXXXX)~~ exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 **Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports**.

Date this report was prepared: August 24, 2011

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): C1154 (Cummins)

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and **mailing address** of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp., One Industrial Complex, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

John M. Terefinko, Senior Director - Engineering

Telephone Number: (570) 669-5154 Fax No.: (570) 669-9966

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.
Steven M. Cormier, General Counsel

Signed:



¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): KME Model Years Involved: 2010-11 Model(s): Predator

Production Dates: Beginning: 04/2010 Ending: 03/2011

VIN Range: Beginning: 1K9AF4286AN058879 Ending: 1K9AF4283CN058177

Vehicle Type: Fire Truck Bodystyle: Pumper

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Vehicles equipped with Cummins ISL and ISX series engines that include V-Band clamps having part numbers Q187684, Q187685, or Q187686, manufactured between September 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

Make(s): Dodge Model Years Involved: 2011 Model(s): 5500

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: Fire Truck Bodystyle: Rescue

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Vehicles equipped with Cummins ISL and ISX series engines that include V-Band clamps having part numbers Q187684, Q187685, or Q187686, manufactured between September 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

<1%

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
KME Predator	2010-2011	4
Dodge 550	2011	1

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 5

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: <1%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp. received a list of engines subject to recall from Cummins, Inc. (see attached),
which includes serial numbers and production dates, which Kovatch cross-referenced with its own records to
determine the applicable KME VINs and identify the recall population, along with production dates.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

The vehicles contain an engine manufactured by Cummins between September 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010, that also include V-Band clamps having part number Q187684, Q187685, or Q187686, which connect the inlet and outlet cone sections to the Diesel Oxidation Catalyst/Diesel Particulate Filter.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The T-bolt included on the V-Band clamp assembly may be susceptible to fracture or failure when subjected to stress or load. Such a fracture or failure may cause the clamp to loosen and the inlet or outlet sections attached to the DOC/DPF housing to disconnect, creating a risk of combustion or damage to adjacent materials due to escaping hot exhaust gases.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Loosening of the V-Band clamps may result in detachment of the inlet or outlet section of the DOC/DPF housing, resulting in hot exhaust gases being vented prior to exiting the tailpipe, which creates a risk of combustion or damage to adjacent materials.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

Disconnection of the inlet or outlet cone from the DOC/DPF housing will result in illumination of the "Check Engine" light.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

Cummins, Inc., 500 Jackson Street, Columbus, IN 47201

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

Steven R. Butler, Director - Product Safety

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

N/A

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

All customers with affected vehicles will be contacted by Cummins and Kovatch by approximately September 1,

2011. Cummins will supply and install new V-Band clamps free of charge to replace the defective V-Band clamps.

9. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Defective V-Band clamps will be replaced with new V-Band clamps by Cummins, Inc., through its service network.

The replacement of V-Band clamps will be recognized by their identifying part numbers Q187688, Q187689, and

Q187690. Upon completion of the remedy, the risk is eliminated.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

The remedy component engine assembly includes V-Band clamps that are not susceptible to failure in normal

use, whereas the recalled component includes V-Band clamps that are susceptible to failure.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

In early 2011, Cummins, Inc., identified the cause of the defect, then made a change to material used in the V-Band clamp assembly, as well as the assembly process to eliminate the cause of the defective condition.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

Approximately September 1, 2011, Kovatch will send written notice to the customers with affected vehicles,

explaining the recall and advising them of the remedy. Kovatch will plan to follow up approximately thirty (30) days

later to verify completion of the remedy or obtain the status of each customer's remedy.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

11. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing. Copies will be submitted when available.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.