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**National Highway
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12V-027

SUBJECT: HYDRAULIC CONTROLS

DEAR MR. CORMIER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corporation's (KME) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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/AERIALCAT/2003-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-027

Mfg's Report Date: January 27, 2012

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 120

Summary:

KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT CORPORATION (KME) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2003 THROUGH 2011 AERIALCAT MODEL FIRE TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH AN AERIAL BUCKET THAT IS OPERATED WITH ELECTRONIC CONTROLS AND A TURNTABLE THAT HAS HYDRAULIC CONTROLS. ON THESE VEHICLES, UPON ACTIVATION OF THE DEAD MAN'S SWITCH ON THE TURNTABLE, THE LADDER MAY UNEXPECTEDLY MOVE.

Consequence:

IF THE LADDER UNEXPECTEDLY MOVES, THE OPERATOR CAN LOSE CONTROL OF THE BUCKET LOCATION, INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY.

Remedy:

KME WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE TRUCKS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KOVATCH MOBILE EQUIPMENT CORPORATION AT 1-570-669-5154.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

This recall is the result of an investigation, PE11-027, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

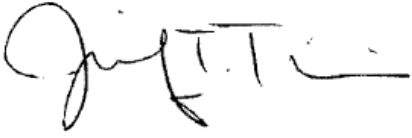
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. 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).

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 Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Timian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement