



August 19, 2015

Board of Fire Commissioners



**IMPORTANT RECALL NOTICE**

**This notice applies to your vehicle – 1K9AF6486EN058671**

**RE: Safety Recall 2014-SR01 – NHTSA Recall No. – 14V-455  
KME Fire Apparatus Vehicles having a Seat Belt Assembly that may  
include a defective Buckle Manufactured by IMMI between August  
2, 2013 and October 31, 2013**

Dear Customer:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp. ("KME") has decided that certain of its motor vehicles manufactured in model years 2013 and 2014 from October 2013 through April 2014, fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies." These vehicles have been equipped with seat belt assemblies that may include a buckle manufactured by Indiana Mills and Manufacturing, Inc.

The noncompliance is the result of the locking pawl inside the model L9 buckle having a large burr that can catch the edge of the latch plate when the button is pressed to unbuckle the seat belt, resulting in a partial engagement condition. If the latch plate remains partially engaged after the button is pressed, egress from the vehicle could be hindered which would increase the risk of injury in the event of an emergency.

Enclosed are instructions for examining the seat belt buckles in your vehicle to determine whether they are included in this recall. You are being sent this notice because we believe that one or more seat belt buckles in your vehicle may have the nonconformity.

Please examine the seat belt buckles in your vehicle in accordance with the enclosed instructions to verify whether any of them are included in this recall. If you determine that one or more of them are included you should contact KME's Warranty Manager below to make arrangements for prompt repair of your unit at no cost to you;

Chris Morrison  
One Industrial Complex  
Nesquehoning, PA 18240  
Phone: (570) 669-5577  
Fax: (570) 645-9705  
Email: [cmorrison@kovatch.com](mailto:cmorrison@kovatch.com)

If you have already had your vehicle repaired, you should contact Chris Morrison, KME's Warranty Manager, to arrange for reimbursement of your costs for completing the repairs. The time estimated to perform the repairs to any affect seat belt assembly is approximately one hour labor and up to two hours of travel.

If you feel that you have not received the safety remedy without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal law requires any lessor who receives a notification of a determination of a safety-related defect or noncompliance pertaining to any leased motor vehicle shall send the notice to the lessee within 10 days.

We recognize the inconvenience that this may cause you and your staff. However, this action reflects KME's commitment to high quality standards and ensuring that our products fully meet your expectations. Your failure to arrange for a needed repair results in a continuing risk which may result in a safety hazard. Please feel free to contact Mr. Morrison should you have any other questions or concerns regarding this recall.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. KOVATCH, IV  
Vice President, Director of Customer Service

From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(customer name)

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

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

KME GSO(s) or VIN(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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The repairs to our KME vehicle in order to correct the above-referenced defect were  
completed on \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Customer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by facsimile transmission to (570) 669-9966 or by E-mail to  
[ydelapaz@kovatch.com](mailto:ydelapaz@kovatch.com)