



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150KS
16V-606

Subject: Front Grille May Separate from Front Cab Face

Dear Mr. Terefinko:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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/PREDATOR AERIAL/2012-2013
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER AERIAL/2013
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER PUMPER/2012-2013
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER TANKER/2012
KME/PREDATOR PUMPER/2012-2013
KME/PREDATOR RESCUE/2013

Mfr's Report Date: August 16, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-606

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 27

Problem Description:

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp. (KME) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 Predator Pumper, Predator Panther Pumper and Predator Aerial, 2013 Predator Panther Aerial and Predator Rescue and 2012 Predator Panther Tanker emergency vehicles. In the affected vehicles, the front grille may loosen and separate from the cab face.

Consequence:

If the front grille detaches from the vehicle while driving, it could become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

KME will notify owners and dealers will install fasteners to secure the front grille, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact KME customer service at 1-570-669-5577.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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. Also, 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please amend the provided chronology to include the dates of all of the principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety exists.

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement