



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

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Mr. Jack Terefinko
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NEF-150KS
16V-626

Subject: Drive Shaft Tube Thickness Insufficient

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/FDNY PUMPER/2014-2016
KME/PREDATOR SS PUMPER/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: August 24, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-626

Components:

POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE:DRIVESHAFT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 56

Problem Description:

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp. (KME) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Predator SS Pumper vehicles manufactured January 17, 2015, to July 21, 2015, and 2014-2016 FDNY Pumper vehicles manufactured May 21, 2014, to July 27, 2015. The affected vehicles may have replacement drive shafts that may twist and fail during use.

Consequence:

Failure of the driveshaft may leave the fire truck immobilized in traffic, increasing the risk of a crash. Additionally, the truck may not be able to respond to an emergency, increasing the chances of injury for those at risk.

Remedy:

KME has notified owners, and dealers replaced the drive shafts, free of charge. All affected vehicles have been remedied, free of charge. Owners may contact KME customer service at 1-800-235-3926.

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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please amend your 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 existed.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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