



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Chris Morrison  
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Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.  
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NEF-150KS  
16V-767

**Subject:** Separation of Aerial Water Way Trolley

Dear Mr. Morrison:

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/2011-2015  
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER AERIAL/2011-2013  
KME/PREDATOR SS AERIAL/2012-2015  
KME/PREDATOR SS TDA/2014-2015  
KME/PREDATOR TDA/2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 19, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-767

**Components:**  
EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 54

**Problem Description:**

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp. (KME) is recalling certain model year 2011-2013 Predator Panther Aerial, 2011-2015 Predator Aerial, 2012-2015 Predator SS Aerial, 2014 Predator TDA, and 2014-2015 Predator SS TDA emergency vehicles equipped with aerial water way trollies. The aerial device water way trolley could separate from the ladder.

**Consequence:**

If the water way trolley separates from the ladder, it may fall, increasing the risk of injury to those nearby.

**Remedy:**

KME will notify owners, and dealers will install re-enforcement inserts to the side clamps of the water way trolley, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 1, 2016. Owners may contact KME customer service at 1-800-235-3928.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received KME's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Specifically, explain why you had two trolley deformations in 2014, yet a recall wasn't filed until late 2016.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement