



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

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Mr. Brian Polgrean
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NEF-150MR
18V-622

Subject: Brake Light may Randomly Illuminate/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Polgrean:

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/COMMERCIAL PUMPER/2017-2019
KME/COMMERCIAL RESCUE/2017-2018
KME/COMMERCIAL TANKER/2017-2019
KME/COMMERCIAL WILDLAND/2017-2019
KME/PREDATOR AERIAL/2018-2019
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER AERIAL/2018
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER PUMPER/2018-2019
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER TANKER/2018
KME/PREDATOR PUMPER/2018-2019
KME/PREDATOR RESCUE/2018-2019
KME/PREDATOR SS AERIAL/2018
KME/PREDATOR SS PUMPER/2018-2019
KME/PREDATOR SS TDA/2018
KME/PREDATOR TANKER/2018-2019
KME/PREDATOR TDA/2018

Mfr's Report Date: September 13, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-622

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING: BRAKE LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 111

Problem Description:

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp. (KME) is recalling certain 2017-2019 Commercial Pumper, Commercial Rescue, Commercial Tanker, Commercial Wildland, 2018-2019 Predator Aerial, Predator Panther Pumper, Predator Pumper, Predator Rescue, Predator SS Pumper, Predator Tanker, 2018 Predator Panther Aerial, Predator Panther Tanker, Predator SS Aerial, Predator SS TDA, and Predator TDA vehicles equipped with Whelen accessory brake lights. Depending on the specific wiring of the vehicle, these brake lights may

illuminate when the brake pedal has not been pressed. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

If the brake lights incorrectly illuminate, it can confuse other drivers, possibly increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

KME will notify owners, and dealers will replace the brake lights, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 1, 2018. 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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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).

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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