

May 1, 2018

Name Address City, State Zip

# **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE: 18V172**

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL**

This notice applies to your vehicle(s):

Dear KME Vehicle Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

## Why is a recall being conducted?

KME has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2007-2013 KME vehicles manufactured from June 2006 through December 2012 equipped with Timoney Gen 2 Strider Independent Front Suspensions.

KME has been informed by Timoney Technologies that, on certain Timoney Gen 2 Strider independent front suspension front axle spindles, inconsistent machining operations could cause stress risers in the spindle that could cause long-term durability failure. Over time and under certain harsh duty cycles, a fatigue crack could develop in the spindle, causing failure of the spindle and possible separation of the wheel from the vehicle, which increases the risk of a crash.

#### What are we doing about the problem?

KME will be shipping spindle rebuild kits, necessary tooling and installation instructions to KME Dealers for them to install the new components on the affected trucks. Vehicles subject to this recall are to be repaired by a KME certified Dealer or technician. KME will compensate the dealer or owner for installing the new components. The components and labor are provided free of charge. The installation should take approximately 4 hours.

### What should you do?

If you receive this notification, please contact your KME Dealer or KME Customer Service at (570) 669-5230 to schedule an appointment to have the installation of the spindle kits performed.

INCLUDED WITH THIS LETTER IS AN OWNER RESPONSE CARD THAT MUST BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED TO KME IN ORDER TO BE REIMBURSED. Please have your Truck VIN or GSO available. After the repair has been completed, please fill in the appropriate information on the enclosed Owner Response Postcard, sign it, and return it to:

Mail: KME, One Industrial Complex, Nesquehoning, PA 18240

E-mail: bpolgrean@kmefire.com

Fax: (570) 645-9705

# What if you no longer own this vehicle?

If you are not the current owner of the vehicle, please indicate this on the Owner Response Postcard and return the card to us.

Federal law requires any lessor who receives a notification of a safety related defect or noncompliance pertaining to any leased motor vehicle shall send the notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are no longer the owner of this vehicle, please provide us with any contact information so we may contact the new owner.

If you have already paid to have your vehicle repaired for this condition, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the charges you paid for the repair or replacement of components. To learn more about what you need to do to obtain reimbursement, contact our customer service department.

If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall you believe you have not been able to have your vehicle remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C., 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <a href="https://www.safercar.gov">https://www.safercar.gov</a>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern.

Sincerely,

KME, Inc

(Customer name)	
KME Fire Apparatus One Industrial Complex Nesquehoning, PA 18240	
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