



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

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Mr. Brian Polgrean
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NEF-150MR
20V-487

Subject: Rear LED Lights Too Bright/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/2017-2020
KME/COMMERCIAL RESCUE/2016
KME/COMMERCIAL SKID/2018
KME/COMMERCIAL TANKER/2015-2019
KME/COMMERCIAL WILDLAND/2018-2019
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER AERIAL/2016
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER PUMPER/2018
KME/PREDATOR PANTHER TANKER/2020
KME/PREDATOR SS AERIAL/2018-2020
KME/PREDATOR SS CHASSIS/2017
KME/PREDATOR SS PUMPER/2018-2021
KME/PREDATOR SS RESCUE/2017-2020

Mfr's Report Date: August 18, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-487

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 38

Problem Description:

Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp. (KME) is recalling certain 2017-2020 Commercial Pumper and Predator SS Rescue, 2018 Predator Panther Pumper and Commercial Skid, 2018-2020 Predator SS Aerial, 2020 Predator Panther Tanker, 2016 Predator Panther Aerial and Commercial Rescue, 2015-2019 Commercial Tanker, 2018-2019 Commercial Wildland, 2017 Predator SS Chassis and 2018-2021 Predator SS Pumper vehicles equipped with certain Code 3 7x9 Stop-Tail-Turn Reverse All-in-One LED stop, tail, turn, and reverse lights. The lights may be too bright, exceeding the maximum light output allowed which may adversely affect the vision of drivers. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

The excessive brightness may affect the vision of other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

KME will notify owners, and dealers will instruct vehicle owners to contact Code 3 to obtain a filter kit (Part No. CZ0199), free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 5, 2020. 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.

Your Part 573 report was filed as being a safety defect issue. However, based on the information, we have processed it as a noncompliance report.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement