



February 18, 2020

Name
Address
City, State Zip

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE: 20V006

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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 2012-2015 and 2017 KME FireStix vehicles manufactured from June 2011 through November 2017.

Some KME Firestix aerials may have been shipped without lubricating oil in the swing drive. The swing drive is a gearbox with a pinion that rotates the aerial by means of a hydraulic motor. The gearbox is supposed to contain lubricating oil to reduce friction and protect internal gears from corrosion. If the swing drive was not filled with lubricating oil, the internal gears could be damaged potentially leading to seizing.

This may affect the operation of the unit on the fire ground. If the aerial ladder traverses in an uncontrolled movement, the ladder is at risk of striking objects potentially endangering fire fighter's safety.

What are we doing about the problem?

The population will be inspected by KME or its Dealers to verify if the swing drives contain lubricating oil. If they do not, the swing drives will be sent to the manufacturer to be repaired at no cost to the owner. Estimated time for inspection is 2-4 hours. If required, the estimated time for repairs is up to 16 weeks.

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 your vehicle(s) remedied.

INCLUDED WITH THIS LETTER IS AN OWNER RESPONSE CARD TO BE FILLED OUT AND RETURNED TO KME. 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: bpolgreaan@kmeffire.com

Fax: (570) 669-5182

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 at (570) 669-5230.

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 <http://www.safercar.gov>.

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

Sincerely,

KME, Inc.

From: _____
(Customer name)

To: KME Fire Apparatus
One Industrial Complex
Nesquehoning, PA 18240

RE: NHSTA Recall No. 20V006

Date: _____
KME GSO(s) or VIN(s) _____

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- This vehicle was inspected and repaired according to instructions.
 - This vehicle was inspected and determined to not need repair.
 - This vehicle was sold to: _____ Name, Address, City, State/ZIP
 - This vehicle was stolen.
 - This vehicle was destroyed.

Owner's (or Former Owner's) Signature

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