



January 5, 2022

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE: 21V905

TO: Affected KME Dealers

KME decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2022 KME vehicles manufactured from June 2021 through October 2021.

It has been reported that some Meritor drive pinion 180 series axles may be fractured in the pinion spline. If this defect exists, the fracturing of the pinion may hit the brake drop hose which may unintentionally apply the parking brake without detection or brake lights coming on, possibly resulting in a crash. The issue could occur without warning. This was caused by a variation in the pinion spline tooling geometry of the Meritor process.

A Meritor representative will contact owners to schedule the axle pinion inspection and repair as needed. The inspection will need to be performed with a service technician and Meritor representative. The inspection will take approximately 1 hour. If it is determined that the pinion is fractured, Meritor will inform the owner and KME that the Differential Carrier Housing Assembly will need to be replaced. Meritor and KME will help locate an authorized service facility if the owner is unable to complete the replacement of the assembly once it is received. The repair will take approximately 5 hours to complete.

Please be reminded that it is a violation of Federal law for you deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment covered by this notification until this defect has been remedied. Substantial civil penalties apply to violations of this law.

Your assistance with this recall is appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact KME Customer Service at (570) 669-5230.

Sincerely,

KME, Inc.