



## **IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL – 23V-798**

This notice applies to the vehicle identification number below.

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Dear Valued Customer,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. KME has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain model year 2021-2023 Predator, 2022-2023 Panther, and 2022-2023 Severe Service model Emergency Response Fire Apparatus trucks.

***Please note: The Vehicle Identification Number that may be affected by this recall is located at the top of this letter.***

### **What is the defect?**

On the affected vehicles, a defect in the inversion valve may cause the park brake engagement to be intermittently delayed. As such, these vehicles may fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake Systems".

If this condition exists, the park brake may not be applied within 3 seconds, resulting in inadvertent vehicle movement and possible injury. The issue would be detectable by not hearing the audible set.

### **Corrective Action:**

Dealers will inspect the inversion valve to determine if affected and replace, if necessary. There is no cost to the vehicle owner for the recall remedy.

### **Labor Time:**

Estimated time for the remedy may be up to 0.5 hours for inspection and up to 0.5 hours if the replacement of the inversion valve is needed.

### **What You Should Do:**



**If you need further assistance with this notification, contact your local dealer to have the work performed. If you cannot locate a dealer, call KME Customer Service at 1-888-259-0131 select option 1 to locate your nearest dealer. Steps will be taken to ensure the recall is performed at the nearest dealer.**

If you have completed this remedy prior to receiving this letter, please notify and contact Spartan Central Service at [jsobolewski@kmefire.com](mailto:jsobolewski@kmefire.com).

**Leased Vehicles:**

The lessor must notify the lessee by first class mail within ten (10) days from receipt of their owner notification letter from the manufacturer; both for the initial notification and all subsequent notifications.

**Reimbursement:**

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact KME at 1-888-259-0131 select option 1.

**Information Change:**

If you have changed your address, sold or traded your vehicle, please email us at [jsobolewski@kmefire.com](mailto:jsobolewski@kmefire.com) to provide updated information.

If the authorized service center has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge and within a reasonable time, contact KME at 1-888-259-0131 select option 1. You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov> if you feel the manufacturer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge.

We regret any inconvenience this service may cause you. Your safety and continued satisfaction with the quality and performance of your chassis is of the utmost concern to us.

Sincerely,  
KME Fire Apparatus