

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19V-189

Manufacturer Name : Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.

Submission Date : MAR 07, 2019

NHTSA Recall No. : 19V-189

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.

Address : One Industrial Complex

Nesquehoning PA 18240

Company phone : 8002353926

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 2

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2018 KME Predator TDA

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM & HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information :

- The recall population was determined using build records.
- The affected piping assembly is custom and only used on (3) specific trucks, one of which is the truck where the failure happened during initial performance testing.
- 2018 KME Predator TDA: 2

Production Dates : APR 30, 2018 - JUN 16, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Improper weld joint preparation on Tractor-Drawn Aerial (TDA) waterway piping may lead to weld joint failure.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the weld joint fails while the piping is charged or charging with water, a piece of the piping may detach from the vehicle and injure bystanders.

Description of the Cause : Improper weld joint preparation of the piping prior to welding.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

On February 22, 2019 during standard waterway performance testing on a TDA currently being built, a weld joint in the lower waterway failed and a portion of the piping detached from the truck. An investigation began and it was determined that the ends of the pipes were not prepared properly prior to welding. This same custom piping was used on (2) other trucks and welded by the same employee who welded the piping that failed during testing. On March 4, 2019, it was determined that a recall was required.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : KME will replace the affected sections of the lower waterways at no charge to the owner.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy components will have properly prepared weld joints prior to welding.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : There are no others in production.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : -Dealer notification will be between 3/18/2019 and 4/19/2019
-Owner notification will be between 3/18/2019 and 4/26/2019
Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 18, 2019 - APR 19, 2019
Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 18, 2019 - APR 26, 2019

* NR - Not Reported