

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 18V-433

**Manufacturer Name :** Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.**Submission Date :** JUN 26, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-433**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :****Population :**

Manufacturer Name : Kovatch Mobile Equipment Corp.

Number of potentially involved : 13

Address : One Industrial Complex  
Nesquehoning PA 18240

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Company phone : 8002353926

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 2017-2017 KME Predator TDA

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : The population was determined by searching vehicle build records for vehicles built with the optional tip mounted lifting devices 95347115 or 95347118.

The recalled products (95347115 and 95347118) are made with a 5/8 inch diameter stainless bar. Products not included in the recall are made from larger diameter steel bars.

Production Dates : JAN 24, 2017 - JAN 24, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2016-2018 KME Predator SS TDA

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : The population was determined by searching vehicle build records for vehicles built with the optional tip mounted lifting devices 95347115 or 95347118.

The recalled products (95347115 and 95347118) are made with a 5/8 inch diameter stainless bar. Products not included in the recall are made from larger diameter steel bars.

Production Dates : JUN 25, 2016 - JUN 16, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin : NR End : NR

 Not sequential

Vehicle 3 : 2018-2018 KME Predator SS Aerial

Vehicle Type : BUSES, MEDIUM &amp; HEAVY VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : DIESEL

Descriptive Information : The population was determined by searching vehicle build records for vehicles built with the optional tip mounted lifting devices 95347115 or 95347118.

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Production Dates : SEP 30, 2017 - SEP 30, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : On certain KME vehicles equipped with an aerial ladder and an optional tip mounted lifting device, the supplied lifting device does not meet the specified load rating or safety factor.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the specified load is attached to the lifting device, the device may deform and may lead to injury to those nearby.

Description of the Cause : Insufficient material properties

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Visible deflection of the lifting device

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

## Chronology :

On June 14, 2018, KME was contacted by one of its service facilities informing them that a customer reported permanent deformation to their tip mounted lifting device that occurred during a training session. KME reviewed the submitted information and began an investigation. On June 22, 2018, KME determined that a recall was necessary.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : At no cost to the vehicle owner, KME will replace the tip lifting device.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component uses a larger diameter bar.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Vehicles currently in production that specify the optional lifting device will be shipped with the new device.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers will be notified between 06/27/2018 and 08/10/2018  
Owners will be notified between 06/27/2018 and 08/17/2018

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 27, 2018 - AUG 10, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 27, 2018 - AUG 17, 2018

\* NR - Not Reported