



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

MAY 10 2005

HARVEY SATTERWHITE  
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC.  
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC. 1550 AERIAL AVENUE  
CREEDMOOR NC 27525

NVS-215  
05V-200

Subject: ELECTRIC HYDRAULIC MANUAL UTILITY BRAKE CONTROL

Dear MR. SATTERWHITE:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

ALTEC/4300/2000-2005  
ALTEC/4700/2000-2005  
ALTEC/4900/2000-2005  
ALTEC/7300/2000-2005  
ALTEC/7400/2000-2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-200

**Recall Date:** April 15, 2005

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 125

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN UTILITY SERVICE TRUCK CHASSIS, EQUIPPED WITH ALTEC ELECTRIC HYDRAULIC MANUAL UTILITY BRAKE CONTROL, THE UNITS EXPERIENCE LOSS OF BRAKES DURING AND INTERFERENCE BETWEEN THE WINDSHIELD WIPER DRIVE ARM AND BRAKE LINE THAT RUNS BETWEEN THE CHASSIS MASTER CYLINDER AND BRAKE CONTROL INSIDE THE CAB.

**Consequence:**

THIS INTERFERENCE CAN CAUSE THE BRAKE LINE TO RUPTURE. SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH CAN RESULT FROM IMPAIRMENT OR FAILURE OF THE VEHICLE BRAKES.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE WIPER LINKAGE INTERFERENCE, AND REPLACE THE NECESSARY PARTS. THE RECALL INVOLVED ONLY ONE CUSTOMER. THE RECALL BEGAN ON APRIL 15, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT ALTEC AT 919-528-2535.

**Notes:**

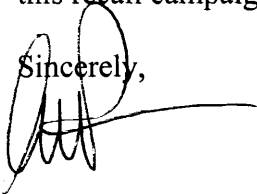
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall began on April 15, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division