



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. PHIL PURDY
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ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC.
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NVS-215dgl
10V-465

SUBJECT: FRAME INSPECTION

DEAR MR. PURDY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Altec Industries, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ALTEC/WC126/2008-2009
ALTEC/WC166/2008-2009
ALTEC/WC126A/2009-2010
ALTEC/WC166A/2009-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-465

Mfg's Report Date: September 27, 2010

Components: STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 686

Summary:

ALTEC IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2009 WC126 AND WC166, MODEL YEAR 2009-2010 WC126A AND WC166A WOOD CHIPPER UTILITY VEHICLES BUILT FROM JANUARY 2008 THROUGH MAY 2010. IT WAS DISCOVERED CRACKS MAY DEVELOP IN THE FRAME RAILS OF WOOD CHIPPERS DUE TO CONCENTRATED LOADS ON THE FRAME RAIL FLANGE AT THE AXLE MOUNT.

Consequence:

WHILE LOADING THE FRAME COULD BRAKE INCREASING THE RISK OF PROPERTY DAMAGE AND PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPAIR OR REPLACE AS NECESSARY FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ALTEC AT 1-877-462-5832.

Notes:

ALTEC SAFETY RECALL NO. CSN 531. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 required 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement