



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
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MR. PHIL PURDY
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ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC.
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NVS-215dgl
10V-485

SUBJECT: DIGGER BALL PIN REPLACEMENT

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/ALTEC/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-485

Mfg's Report Date: October 1, 2010

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 578

Summary:

ALTEC IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2009 DIGGER DERRICKS UTILITY VEHICLES BUILT FROM SEPTEMBER 2008 THROUGH MAY 2009. THE DIGGER BAIL PINS INSTALLED ON THESE VEHICLES WERE NOT PROPERLY HEAT TREATED AND CAN DEVELOP CRACKS DURING AUGER USE. THE DIGGER COULD BECOME SEPARATED FROM THE DIGGER BAIL ALLOWING THE AUGER/DIGGER ASSEMBLY TO SWING FREELY FROM THE DIGGER HOSES.

Consequence:

A SWINGING AUGER/DIGGER COULD STRIKE A BYSTANDER CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE PINS 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 537. 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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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