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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
10V-610

SUBJECT: LOWER BOOM LIFT CYLINDER

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/AA500/1996
ALTEC/AM450/1995-1996
ALTEC/AM550/1995-1996
ALTEC/AM600/1995-1996
ALTEC/AM600-E76/1996
ALTEC/AM755/1995-1996
ALTEC/AM800/1996-1997
ALTEC/AM900/1996-1997
ALTEC/AN543/1994-1997
ALTEC/AN546/1994-1997
ALTEC/AN650/1994-1997
ALTEC/AN755/1994-1997

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-610

Mfg's Report Date: December 3, 2010

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 174

Summary:

ALTEC IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 1994-1997 SERVICE VEHICLES BUILT FROM SEPTEMBER 1994 THROUGH MARCH 1997, AND EQUIPPED WITH AERIAL DEVICES WITH BOOM LIFT CYLINDER PART NUMBER 350-40094. THE HYDRAULIC CYLINDER AS MANUFACTURED COULD FAIL WHEN SUBJECT TO FREQUENT TENSILE LOADING.

Consequence:

FAILURE OF THE LOWER BOOM LIFT CYLINDER CAN CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY.

Remedy:

ALTEC WILL REPLACE THE HYDRAULIC CYLINDERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 17, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ALTEC AT 1-877-462-5832.

Notes:

ALTEC SAFETY RECALL NO. MAB540. 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 provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 cursive script that reads "Kelly Schuber for".

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