



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

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NVS-215kjs
11V-387

SUBJECT: AXLE SPINDLES

DEAR MR. CHARD:

This letter serves to acknowledge Altec Industries, Inc.'s (Altec) 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/DC912A/2009-2011

ALTEC/WC126A/2010-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-387 **Mfg's Report Date:** July 26, 2011

Components: SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:SPINDLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 210

Summary:

ALTEC IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009-2011 DC-912A AND MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 WC126A WOOD CHIPPERS MANUFACTURED FROM JANUARY 2009 THROUGH JULY 2011. FATIGUE FAILURES CAN OCCUR AT THE BEARING GREASE HOLE LOCATED ON THE AXLE SPINDLE.

Consequence:

THE SPINDLE ON THE AXLE COULD FAIL ALLOWING THE WHEEL TO SEPARATE FROM THE CHIPPER, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

ALTEC WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE AXLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ALTEC AT 1-877-435-9258.

Notes:

ALTEC'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS MAB 547. 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).

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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

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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



Ric Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement