



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

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NVS-215et
12V-041

SUBJECT: ATB SWITCH BRACKET

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/AC18/2011
ALTEC/AC23/2011
ALTEC/AC38/2008-2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-041

Mfg's Report Date: January 27, 2012

Components: EQUIPMENT: MECHANICAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 18

Summary:

ALTEC IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2011 AC38 AND MODEL YEAR 2011 AC18 AND AC23 UTILITY VEHICLES, EQUIPPED WITH AN ANTI-TWO BLOCK (ATB) SWITCH TREE GUARD OPTION. THE ATB TREE GUARD SWITCH BRACKET MAY HAVE BEEN INSTALLED INCORRECTLY.

Consequence:

IF THE BRACKET WAS INSTALLED INCORRECTLY, THE COMPONENTS COULD BE DISLODGED WHEN THE BOOM IS RAISED TOWARDS THE MAXIMUM ELEVATION AND COULD CAUSE THE ATB SWITCH, COVER, AND WEIGHT TO FALL, INCREASING THE RISK OF INJURY TO PEOPLE OR PROPERTY BELOW.

Remedy:

ALTEC WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND INSTRUCT UNIT OWNERS TO INSPECT THE INSTALLATION OF THE TREE GUARD SWITCH BRACKET AND CORRECT ANY INCORRECT INSTALLATIONS. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ALTEC AT 1-877-462-5832.

Notes:

ALTEC'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS CSN 556. 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).

Please 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 Edison Thompson, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, by email at Edison.Thompson@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,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

