



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. JOSHUA CHARD
DIRECTOR, CORPORATE AND PRODUCT SAFETY
ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC.
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BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242

NVS-215ET
12V-383

Subject: Frame Cracks

Dear Mr. CHARD:

This letter serves to acknowledge ALTEC INDUSTRIES INC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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/DC1217/2008-2009
ALTEC/DC1317/2008-2009
ALTEC/DC1317HP/2008-2011

Mfr's Report Date: July 26, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-383

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 227

Problem Description:

Altec Environmental Products (AEP) is recalling certain model year 2008-2009 DC1217 and DC1317 and model year 2008-2011 DC1317HP wood chippers. Cracks could develop in the wood chipper frame.

Consequence:

If cracks develop in the frame, there is an increased risk of personal injury or property damage.

Remedy:

AEP will notify owners, and dealers will install frame reinforcement kits to all affected units. AEP has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Altec Environmental Products at 1-877-462-5832.

Notes:

Altec Environmental Products' recall campaign number is CSN 551. 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>.

Please 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. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at edison.thompson@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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