

**Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹**

In December, 2011 Altec Industries Inc decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.

Date this report was prepared: **January 27, 2012**

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): **CSN 556**

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Altec Industries, Inc

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Philip D. Purdy
Manager, Media

Signed: _____

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

Describe the causes(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The ATB tree guard switch cover kit was installed incorrectly.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

If assembled incorrectly, the retention pin could be pushed out of place when the boom is raised towards maximum elevation allowing the ATB switch, cover and weight to fall.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

N/A

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

N/A

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier.

N/A

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

In December 2011, Altec became aware during final unit testing that the ATB switch tree guard was installed incorrectly on a unit. Altec searched unit production records to identify units with the ATB switch tree guard option. They further defined the population to be inspected by looking at unit pre-delivery photographs to identify those that were installed correctly. There have been no reported accidents or injuries.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

N/A

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

Altec will issue a recall letter (CSN 556) to owners of all potentially affected units.

9. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

The recall notification letter directs unit owners to visually inspect for proper installation of the tree guard switch cover and to correct any found to be installed incorrectly.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

N/A

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Installation instructions were created clarifying the proper assembly and installation of the switch guard cover.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

- 10.** Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

Submitted with this report is a draft of Altec's CSN 556. Once CSN 556 has been approved and returned, Altec will immediately mail it to the customers affected. There are no dealers/retailers affected.