



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

April 18, 2013

Mr. Joshua Chard  
Director, Corporate and Product Safety  
Altec Industries Inc.  
210 Inverness Center Drive  
Birmingham, AL 35242

NVS-215KS  
13V-141

**Subject:** Winch Drum Fracture

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/DIGGER DERRICK/2007-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 9, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-141

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,057

**Problem Description:**

Altec Industries, Inc (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2007-2012 DC, and DL/DM Digger Derrick utility trucks, equipped with boom tip winches using Tulsa Winch Group (formerly Gear Products) winch drums. In the affected vehicles, the winch drum could deform or fracture.

**Consequence:**

If the winch fails while in use, it could cause personal injury.

**Remedy:**

Altec will notify owners and dealers will replace the winch drum, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Altec at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's recall campaign number is CSN 574.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

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. 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.

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 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

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