



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Joshua Chard
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Altec Industries Inc.
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NVS-215KS
13V-275

Subject: Cracks May Develop in Square Pedestals

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/AH100/2002-2010
ALTEC/AH75/2002-2010
ALTEC/AH85/2002-2010

Mfr's Report Date: June 25, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-275

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 220

Problem Description:

Altec Industries, Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2002-2010 AH75, AH85 and AH100 aerial devices equipped with square pedestals. In the affected vehicles, the aerial device may develop cracks between the pedestal and the unit subbase.

Consequence:

Cracks in the pedestal may cause the aerial device to fail, increasing the risk of personal injury.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners informing them to inspect the pedestal and if any cracks are found, they will be repaired free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Altec at 1-800-860-0183. Altec's recall number is CSN 580.

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.

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. 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.

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).

The chronology of events provided in your report suggests that Altec may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement