



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-636

**Subject:** Feeder Tube Bracket Failure

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/2009-2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 11, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-636

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 661

**Problem Description:**

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2009-2013 DT80, and model year 2011-2013 D2, D3 and D4 digger derrick models manufactured June 2009 through November 2013. The fasteners that hold the bracket for the feeder tube (the telescopic hydraulic tube that supplies pump flow to the auger) may become loose allowing the feeder tube to fall.

**Consequence:**

A falling feeder tube increases the risk of injury to people nearby.

**Remedy:**

Altec will notify owners, and Altec service centers will install an upgraded feeder tube bracket and mounting hardware, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early February 2014. Owners may contact Altec at 1-205-408-8627. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 591.

**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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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. Also, 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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement