



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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Birmingham, AL 35242

NVS-215KS  
14V-308

**Subject:** Fiberglass Boom may Conduct Electricity

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/AH100/2009-2012  
ALTEC/AH75/2009-2012  
ALTEC/AH85/2009-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 2, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-308

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 120

**Problem Description:**

Altec Industries, Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2009-2012 AH75, AH85, and AH100 Aerial Devices manufactured October 2009 through December 2012. The affected devices may allow electricity to be conducted through the boom due to water entering into the fiberglass layers. Additionally, the joint connecting the fiberglass insert and the steel boom components may fail.

**Consequence:**

A fiberglass lower boom that can conduct electricity increases the risk of electrocution to the operator should the boom contact a power line. If the joint between the fiberglass insert and the steel boom component fails, the boom may fall, putting the operator at an increased risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will do supplemental dielectric testing and replace the lower boom, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on July 28, 2014. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 598.

**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.

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

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