



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

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Washington, DC 20590

November 14, 2014

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

NVS-215SM
14V-616

Subject: Trailer Tongue may Fail

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/NOVAE ST81181TPL2-B-140/2009-2012

Mfr's Report Date: September 26, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-616

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 344

Problem Description:

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2009-2012 Novae Sure-Trac ST81181TPL2-B-140 equipment trailers built August 31, 2009, to September 27, 2012, and manufactured with 3/16 inch thick steel tubing. The tongue of the affected trailers may crack and separate from the trailer frame.

Consequence:

If the trailer tongue fails, a loss of control of the trailer or a separation of the trailer from the tow vehicle may occur, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and repair any cracks found and add a reinforcing kit, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on November 17, 2014. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for the recall is CSN 605.

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.

We have received Altec's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at 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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

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