



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

March 4, 2015

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

NVS-215KS
15V-096

Subject: Cylinder Base End Lug May Crack

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/AERIAL DEVICE/2011-2014

Mfr's Report Date: February 13, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-096

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,089

Problem Description:

Altec Industries, Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2011-2014 Aerial Devices, models L36A, LRV, and LR7, manufactured June 1, 2011, to September 30, 2014, and built with Texas Hydraulics upper boom drive cylinders. In the affected aerial devices, the cylinder base end lug casting may develop cracks.

Consequence:

If the cylinder lug castings crack, they may fail, resulting in unintended movement of the boom, increasing the risk of personal injury or death to the aerial device user or those nearby.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the cylinders for specific casting suspect lots. If both upper boom drive cylinders are not of the suspect lots, no further action is required. If a cylinder is found to be of one of the suspect lots, it will be inspected for visible cracks. If cracks are found the unit should be removed from service immediately and the cylinder will be replaced. If no cracks are found, the unit will be scheduled for magnetic particle inspection of the cylinder lug within 60 days. All of these actions will be performed free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on March 30, 2015. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-800-860-0183. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 611.

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 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 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 large initial "J" and "T".

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