



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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

NVS-215SM
15V-150

Subject: Counterbalance Valve Crack may Allow Boom Movement

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/2014

Mfr's Report Date: March 13, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-150

Components:
EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 120

Problem Description:

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2014 Aerial Devices manufactured April 1, 2014, to July 18, 2014, and equipped with certain SUN Hydraulics Corporation counterbalance valves. In the affected vehicles, the counterbalance valve may crack, allowing hydraulic fluid to leak, and possibly result in boom movement.

Consequence:

Unintended boom movement of the aerial device increases the operator's risk of injury.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will replace the counterbalance valves, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on April 27, 2015. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 614.

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 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 the first name being more prominent.

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