



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-215SM
15V-810

Subject: Missing Welds or Incorrect Anvil Spacers

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/DC610 BRUSH CHIPPER/2011-2015
ALTEC/DSC6 BRUSH CHIPPER/2011-2015

Mfr's Report Date: November 25, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-810

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 718

Problem Description:

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2011-2015 DC610 and DSC6 Brush Chippers manufactured June 1, 2011, to April 1, 2015. The affected brush chippers may have improper or missing welds. Additionally, the DSC6 chippers may be equipped with incorrect anvil spacers.

Consequence:

Improper or missing welds and/or incorrect anvil spacers may cause the anvil to detach and interfere with the cutting blades, significantly damaging the chipper and increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and repair any of the missing or incorrect anvil welds, and will replace the improper anvil spacers, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 5, 2016. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-800-860-0183. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 626.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The information in your report suggests that Altec may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please explain the gap in your chronology from the June 2015 failure of the anvil backing plate and the November 2015 Defect Information report filing.

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,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement