



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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NEF-150MR  
16V-536

**Subject:** Unintended Winch 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/2015-2016  
ALTEC/DIGGER DERRICK/2015-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 14, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-536

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL:WINCH

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 200

**Problem Description:**

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Aerial Devices and Digger Derrick vehicles equipped with front bumper winches or capstans, manufactured December 26, 2015, to March 30, 2016. The affected vehicles have a hydraulic motor whose shaft may fail resulting in unexpected movement of the winch or the capstan.

**Consequence:**

Unexpected winch movement may increase the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will replace the hydraulic motor, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 17, 2016. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-205-991-7733. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 635.

**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).

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.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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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Enforcement