



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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Birmingham, AL 35242

NEF-150MR
17V-009

Subject: Winch Brake may allow Unexpected Line 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/TELESCOPING AERIAL DEVICE/2005-2016

Mfr's Report Date: January 9, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-009

Components:

EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL:WINCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 617

Problem Description:

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain 2005-2016 TA37M, TA41M, TA45M telescoping aerial devices. The winch brake on these vehicles may be improperly oriented, possibly resulting in unexpected winch line movement.

Consequence:

If the winch boom line unexpectedly moves, there may be an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will reverse the direction of the winch brake and check and adjust the winch brake torque setting, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 9, 2017. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-205-991-7733. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 643.

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.

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement