



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

NEF-150MR  
17V-709

**Subject:** Boom Tip may Crack and Fail

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 CABLE PLACER/1992-2000

**Mfr's Report Date:** November 13, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-709

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 375

**Problem Description:**

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain 1992-2000 Aerial Cable Placer AP45 vehicles. The boom tips on these vehicles may crack and fail.

**Consequence:**

If the boom tip fails, it can increase the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the boom tip, replacing any that are of an old design or have cracks, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 5, 2017. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for this recall is CSN655.

**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).

We have received Altec's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
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Enforcement