



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
18V-346

Subject: Starter Cable may Chafe and Cause Electrical Short

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/DIGGER DERRICK/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: May 25, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-346

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:STARTER ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 133

Problem Description:

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain 2016-2017 Digger Derrick DM, D2000, D3000, D4000 Series vehicles built on Freightliner M2106/V chassis. The starter cable may be improperly secured, allowing the cable to chafe which could result in an electrical short.

Consequence:

An electrical short can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and better secure the starter cable as needed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 20, 2018. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 683.

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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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