



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

July 30, 2018

Mr. Joshua Chard
Director, Corporate and Product Safety
Altec Industries Inc.
210 Inverness Center Drive
Birmingham, AL 35242

NEF-150MR
18V-434

Subject: Battery Electrical Short may Cause Fire

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/2016-2017
ALTEC/SERVICE BODY/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: June 27, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-434

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 290

Problem Description:

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain 2016-2017 Altec Aerial Devices and Service Body vehicles, built on Ram 5500 Diesel chassis. The positive stud on the lead acid battery disconnect bracket may contact the hood and cause an electrical short.

Consequence:

An electrical short can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will replace the lead acid battery disconnect, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 22, 2018. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 688.

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