



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

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Mr. Joshua Chard
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NEF-150MR
20V-301

Subject: Tow Hitch May Have Incorrect Load Rating Markings

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/2014-2020

Mfr's Report Date: May 26, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-301

Components:

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS
TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 500

Problem Description:

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain 2014-2020 Aerial Devices and body only units equipped with Class 3 towing hitches. The tow hitch may have incorrect load rating markings, and may have been damaged by unintentional overloading.

Consequence:

If the tow hitch is overloaded, the hitch may fail, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners and provide instructions for inspecting the bumper and receiver tube for damage and repairing as necessary and installing the proper hitch load rating placards on the unit. This recall is expected to begin July 21, 2020. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 761.

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:

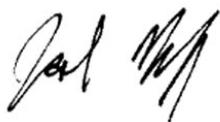
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement