



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

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Washington, DC 20590

July 25, 2014

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

NVS-215SM
14V-357

Subject: Torsion Bar Weld Failure

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/AT237/2013
ALTEC/AT248F/2013-2014
ALTEC/AT3X-G/2013-2014
ALTEC/AT40-G/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: June 17, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-357

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT:SPRINGS:TORSION BAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 258

Problem Description:

Altec Industries, Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2013 AT237, and 2013-2014 AT3X-G, AT40-G, and AT248F aerial trucks manufactured August 2013 through April 2014, built on Ford F-450 and F-550 chassis, and equipped with front "Stable Ride" torsion bars. These torsion bars have welds that could fail.

Consequence:

If the torsion bar welds fail, the vehicle may become unstable, increasing the risk of injury to the operator using the aerial device.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the front torsion bars and replace any that have deficient welds, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 18, 2014. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 599.

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 Sarah McShane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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 a large initial "J" and "T".

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