

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Equipment Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

On March, 27, 2013 Altec Industries Inc decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicle equipment listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: **April 3, 2012**

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): **CSN 573**

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Altec Industries, Inc

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

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Signed: _____

I. Identify the Recalled Items of Equipment

2. Identify the items of equipment Involved in the Recall, *for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:*

Make(s): **Altec** Model Years Involved: **2010 - 2012** Model(s): **N/A**
Production Dates: Beginning: **N/A** Ending: **N/A**

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

This recall only affects Altec cranes with front bumper outriggers mounted on Kenworth chassis between November 2010 and October 2012.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
AC18	2010-2012	2
AC23	2010-2012	2
AC38	2010-2012	13

Total number of potentially affected by the recall: 17

Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: **100%**

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined – in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

The recall population was determined by reviewing manufacturing records to identify units installed on Kenworth with front bumper outriggers.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

4. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

The design of the brackets attaching the outrigger to the front bumper of the chassis was inadequate to support the full capacity of the crane in certain positions.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

N/A

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

5. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

A customer notified Altec in mid-March of a problem with the front bumper outrigger. Investigation determined that the outrigger was bent where it connected to the front bumper of the chasses. Upon further investigation we determined that the attachment method used on Kenworth chassis was inadequate to support the full capacity of the crane when working over the front of the chassis. There have been no reported accidents or injuries.

V. Identify the Remedy

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part.

Altec will issue a recall letter (CSN 573) to owners of all affected units and will replace the front bumper outrigger attachment on all affected units.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

The front bumper outrigger mounting was redesigned.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

6. Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.
Not available at this time.

