



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

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Washington, DC 20590

February 18, 2016

Mr. Joshua Chard
Director, Corporate and Product Safety
Altec Industries Inc.
210 Inverness Center Drive
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NVS-215KS
16V-037

Subject: Cracks in the Pedestal Welds

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:

EFFER/440 KNUCKLE BOOM CRANE/2015
EFFER/470 KNUCKLE BOOM CRANE/2015

Mfr's Report Date: January 25, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-037

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5

Problem Description:

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain model year 2015 Effer 440 and 470 Knuckle Boom Cranes manufactured January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015. The affected cranes have pedestals that may crack in the welded area.

Consequence:

The cracks may lead to pedestal separation and the crane falling, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners and dealers will inspect the pedestal for cracked welds and will replace the mounting bolts for the rotation bearing. The recall is expected to begin on February 26, 2016. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-800-860-0183. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 629.

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.

We have received Altec's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

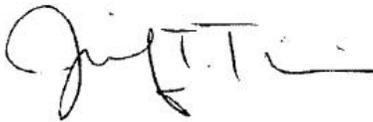
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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