



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

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Mr. Joshua Chard
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Altec Industries Inc.
210 Inverness Center Drive
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NEF-150MR
18V-276

Subject: Improperly Adjusted Grappler Holding Valve

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 HEARTLAND/EC175 BOOM-MOUNTED SAW/2017-2018
ALTEC HEARTLAND/EC225 BOOM-MOUNTED SAW/2017-2018
ALTEC HEARTLAND/EC655 BOOM-MOUNTED SAW/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: April 30, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-276

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

Problem Description:

Altec Industries Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Altec EC175, EC225, and EC655 Feller Grappler Boom-Mounted Saw vehicles. The grappler load holding valve may not be properly adjusted, which can allow the tree trunk to slip or fall unexpectedly.

Consequence:

If the tree trunk slips or falls, there would be an increased risk of injury.

Remedy:

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will properly adjust the grappler load holding valve, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin June 5, 2018. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 679.

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