



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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

NEF-150MR  
20V-401

**Subject:** Oil Leak from PTO May Cause Fire

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/2017-2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 10, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20V-401

**Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM  
EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,550

**Problem Description:**

Altec Industries, Inc. (Altec) is recalling certain 2017-2020 AT200A, AT235, AT37-G, AT40-G, AT41/48M Aerial Devices mounted on a Ford F-350, F-450 or F-550 chassis equipped with a gas engine and Chelsea 249 Power Take-Off (PTO). The PTO may leak oil onto the exhaust heat shield thermal blanket.

**Consequence:**

Oil absorbed by the exhaust heat shield thermal blanket has an increased risk of a fire from being exposed to hot engine components.

**Remedy:**

Altec will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the heat shield with a redesigned version, as well as install plumbing to relocate a pressure switch and install hoses with improved routing to increase their distance from heat sources, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 2, 2020. Owners may contact Altec customer service at 1-877-462-5832. Altec's number for this recall is CSN 767.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Altec had a very similar recall in 2013 (13V458/ CSN 583) that addressed 2010-2013 models. This recall addresses 2017-2020 models. Please explain why the 2014-2016 models could not have the same issue. Please amend the chronology section to include this information.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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