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Subject: New Decelerating Lanyard

Dear Altec Owner,

Effective with the 2013 model year, Altec Industries, Inc. is making a change to the standard decelerating lanyard provided for fall protection with Altec manufactured aerial devices, digger derricks, and cranes.

Based on no known accidents or injuries, but rather as a result of recent changes in the interpretation of fall protection standards by OSHA, Altec will be discontinuing the six (6) foot long decelerating lanyard. The requirements of 29 CFR 1926.502(d)(16) to prevent contact with a lower level during a fall may not be met by some aerial devices, digger derricks, or cranes when the platform floor is six feet above a lower level and the person is wearing a six (6) foot long decelerating lanyard. As a result, Altec will be implementing a 4.5 foot long decelerating lanyard, part number 900000404, as the new standard for fall protection provided with Altec aerial devices, digger derricks, and cranes. This is not the only method of achieving compliance. However, Altec believes this is an appropriate approach that minimizes disruptions to current fall protection practices in the industry.

For further information, go to <http://www.altec.com/safety/safety-resources/>, or contact Altec Safety Resources at (205) 408-8260 or the Altec Account Manager for your area.

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