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2008-06-16	Altec/Azure Announce Worksite "Hybrid" Power Unit
::: Enables fuel savings during worksite operations... :::	
<p>Williamsburg, VA, June 16, 2008 - Altec Industries, a major builder of bodies and aerial devices for trucks, and Azure Dynamics have announced the availability of a new product for utility, telecom and cable trucks that could enable fuel savings during worksite operations and be installed on new trucks or mounted as a retrofit unit on existing trucks. The system uses stored energy from lithium ion batteries to power an electric motor and operate all the lift and tool functions in a utility, telecom or cable truck, allowing the engine to shut down at a work site. The system can also recharge while the truck is driving using a standard power take-off (PTO) device to generate electricity. The unit does not provide any power to the driveline and is independent of it. It is housed in the body of the truck, and can be placed on the chassis of most work trucks ranging from Class 5-8. Pricing has not been announced. The system builds on Azure's experience with a PTO-driven power system for electrifying truck refrigeration units. -</p>	
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