



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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MS. BROOKE OTT
DEL-NAT TIRE CORPORATION
2365 TEXAS DRIVE
MEMPHIS, TN 38106

NVS-215kjs
12T-007

Subject: TREAD OR SIDEWALL SEPARATION

Dear MS. OTT:

This letter serves to acknowledge Del-Nat Tire Corporation's (Del-Nat) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles," for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the tires 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:

CHAPARRAL/RADIAL XT/P235/75R15

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12T-007

Mfg's Report Date: March 30, 2012

Components: TIRES:SIDEWALL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,663

Summary:

DEL-NAT TIRE CORPORATION (DEL-NAT) IS RECALLING CERTAIN CHAPARRAL RADIAL XT TIRES, SIZE P235/75R15, PRODUCED FROM SEPTEMBER 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 2009. SOME OF THE SUBJECT TIRES EXPERIENCE BLISTERING OR BUBBLES ON THE TIRE'S SIDEWALL. THESE TIRES FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 139, "NEW PNEUMATIC RADIAL TIRES FOR LIGHT VEHICLES."

Consequence:

THESE TIRES MAY EXPERIENCE BLISTERING ON THEIR SIDEWALL THAT, WITH EXTENDED USE, COULD LEAD TO TREAD CHUNKING WITH BELT EDGE EXPOSURE AND POSSIBLE AIR LOSS, THEREBY INCREASING THE POTENTIAL RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEL-NAT WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE NONCOMPLIANT TIRES FREE OF CHARGE. FREE MOUNTING AND BALANCING WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED, AS APPLICABLE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 9, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DEL-NAT TIRE CORPORATION'S CONSUMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AT 1-901-775-8125.

Notes:

OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be aware of the following information:

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

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).

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 1-202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen for" followed by a stylized signature.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement