



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

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MR. WAYNE HUNG  
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NVS-215kjs  
12T-006

Subject: TREAD SEPARATION/FMVSS 139

Dear MR. HUNG:

This letter serves to acknowledge PT. Multistrada Arah Sarana, Tbk's (PT. Multistrada Arah Sarana) 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:**

ACHILLES/DESERT HAWK A/P/LT215/85R16 115/112L 10PR  
ACHILLES/DESERT HAWK A/P/LT235/85R16 120/116L 10PR  
ACHILLES/DESERT HAWK A/P/LT225/75R16 115/112L 10PR  
RADAR/RADIAL RLT-9/LT235/85R16 120/116Q 10PR

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12T-006

**Mfg's Report Date:** April 5, 2012

**Components:** TIRES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 36,592

**Summary:**

PT. MULTISTRADA ARAH SARANA IS RECALLING CERTAIN ACHILLES DESERT HAWK A/P LIGHT TRUCK TIRES, SIZES LT215/85R16 115/112L 10PR, LT235/85R16 120/116L 10PR, LT225/75R16 115/112L 10PR, PRODUCED BETWEEN JANUARY 2010 AND NOVEMBER 2011, AND RADAR RADIAL RLT-9 LIGHT TRUCK RADIAL TIRES PRODUCED FROM DECEMBER 30, 2009, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2011. THE ACHILLES TIRES WERE PRODUCED WITH A NARROW BEAD DESIGN WHICH CAN CAUSE BLISTERING ON THE LOWER SIDEWALL. THE RADAR TIRES HAVE DEFECTIVE SIDEWALL DESIGN

WHICH MAY LEAD TO TREAD SEPARATION. ACCORDINGLY, THE 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 OR TREAD SEPARATION THAT MAY CAUSE SUDDEN LOSS OF AIR, INCREASING THE RISK OF A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

PT. MULTISTRADA ARAH SARANA WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND REPLACE THE NONCOMPLIANT TIRES WITH A SIMILAR TIRE FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PT. MULTISTRADA ARAH SARANA CUSTOMER HOTLINE AT 1-800-944-8414.

**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 PT. Multistrada Arah Sarana's proposed notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

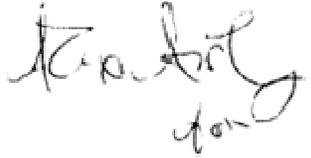
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

PT. Multistrada Arah Sarana must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customer's name and address.

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](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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 "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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