



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 27, 2012

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

NVS-215kjs
12T-012

Subject: TREAD 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 safety recall campaign which 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:

DEL-NAT/DELTA A/S SIERRADIAL/265/70R17
DEL-NAT/NATIONAL A/S COMMANDO/265/70R17

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12T-012

Mfr's Report Date: June 18, 2012

Components: TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 448

Summary:

DEL-NAT TIRE CORPORATION (DEL-NAT) IS RECALLING CERTAIN DEL-NAT DELTA A/S SIERRADIAL OR NATIONAL A/S COMMANDO, SIZE 265/70R17. THE AFFECTED TIRES HAVE A DOT CODE OF EITHER UTIYWHA0112 OR UTIYWHD0112. CONTAMINATED RUBBER MAY HAVE BEEN USED IN THE TREAD COMPOUND WHICH COULD RESULT IN TREAD SEPARATION.

Consequence:

TREAD SEPARATION CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, INCREASING THE RISK OF A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

DEL-NAT WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE DEFECTIVE TIRES FREE OF CHARGE. FREE MOUNTING AND BALANCING WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED, AS APPLICABLE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON, OR ABOUT, JUNE 27, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DEL-NAT AT 1-901-775-5002.

Notes:

DEL-NAT'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS DN-12-0618. 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).

Is it our understanding that Cooper Tire will be filing the required quarterly status reports on behalf of Del-Nat.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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