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Washington, D.C. 20590

by FedEx 8744 6887 5490
and also by e-mail
RMD-ODI@dot.gov

Re: Hankook Tire Co. Ltd. & Hankook Tire America Corp.
Defect Information Report

Dear Sir or Madam:

Hankook Tire America Corp. ("HTAC"), a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of Hankook Tire Co. Ltd., a Korean corporation ("HTCL") hereby submits a report of noncompliance with its internally set endurance standard **although the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards are met** which Hankook considers as a defect. HTAC believes said defect is related to safety and it is recalling the affected tires. HTAC plans to remedy the noncompliance by replacement without charge.

Please review the enclosed report and kindly issue a product recall campaign number. We also enclose draft safety recall notices following the requirements of 49 CFR §577.5 for your comments and approval.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,



Dae-Ki Min

DKM: DNS

Encl.

Cc: Mr. Sang Hyuk Kwon
Mr. Won Yong Choi

Please address all correspondence to New Jersey address.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

On September 30, 2013, Hankook Tire Co., Ltd. ("HTCL") has determined that a defect which may relate to motor vehicle safety exists in the tires set forth below. Hankook Tire America Corp. ("HTAC") is submitting this report pursuant to provisions of 49 CFR 573.

HTCL conducts, as a part of its routine quality assurance program, periodic indoor internal surveillance tests of finished products. Throughout these tests, all of its products must fully satisfy standards set forth in 49 CFR §571.139 of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards ("FMVSS") as well as internally established performance criteria which are purposely set higher than those of FMVSS. HTCL regards failure to fully satisfy both FMVSS and internally established performance criteria as a defect.

In recent tests, certain tires did satisfy FMVSS but did not fully meet internal performance criteria as some appear to show less than expected tread performance when placed under extreme conditions of use or abuse of tire.

The result of this defect could be premature ending of tire service life under extreme conditions of use or abuse of tires. To this date, however, no returns, complaints, or claims have been presented suggesting or relating to this defect.

The information required by the applicable regulations follow:

1. Manufacturer's Information.

The full corporate name of the fabrication manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the tires at issue in this report. If the recalled item of equipment is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 USC §30164:

Hankook Tire America Corp. 1450 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470

2. Tires Involved in this Notification.

The tires involved are sold in the replacement market. The involved tires are as follows;

Generic Name of Item: LT MetricTires

Manufacturing Plant: Jiangsu Plant of Hankook Tire Co., Ltd. (Plant Code : BJ)

Brand: HANKOOK

Model: Dynapro MT

Size: LT325/60R18 RT03

Function: LT-metric Tires

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled;

DOT Number (Plant Code : BJ)

DOT Numbers	Quantity
3411 - 3813	1,495

3. Total Number of Tires Potentially Containing the Defect.

1,495 tires potentially contain the defect.

4. Approximate Percentage of Tires Estimated to actually contain the defect.

Estimated to be a small percentage, however, unable to determine.

5. Description of the Defect.

These tires may develop a separation at the tread/belt edge under extreme conditions of use or abuse of tire. Tread separation of the tire can result in loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

6. Chronology of Events Leading to this Defect Determination.

09/ 15 /13: HTCL’s internal test which was specially designed to simulate the extreme usage condition of LT tires did satisfy FMVSS but did not fully meet internal performance criteria.

09/ 15 /13~09/ 25 /13 : Investigation to confirm existence of endurance difference, determine extent of the issue and identification of the cause of the difference was conducted.

09/26/13 : A list of the affected article, quantity and DOT week was circulated and the affected tires at the Jiangsu plant warehouse were segregated which will be scrapped.

7. Description of Proposed Remedy.

Hankook Tire America Corporation plans to remedy the defect by replacement without charge of the affected tires with the same or similar tire that has no defect. The replacement tires will have DOT week 3411–3813.

8. Campaign Schedule and Draft Notices.

HTAC plans to conduct the recall campaign by following the schedule below:

Once compilation of a list of individual customers who purchased the affected tires is completed, notice to distributors, dealers, and owners will be sent by certified mail or by regular mail as appropriate within five (5) business days following receipt of a written acknowledgement from National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This Notice will offer a full replacement without charge. We expect replacement tires will be generally available throughout the recall period.

9. Representative Copies of Notifications that Relate to the Defect and plans to be Sent to More than One Manufacturer, Distributor, Dealer, or Purchaser will be submitted by October 20, 2013 or within 5 business days after acknowledgement from NHTSA, if earlier.

10. Manufacturer’s Plan for Apprising Entities Replacing Tires of Their Legal Obligations with Regard to Sale and Disposal of Noncompliant Tires and Plan for Limiting Disposal of Recall Tires in Landfills.

HTAC’s notice of recall to distributors/dealers will mandate customers and dealers to label each and every recalled tire with a tag provided by HTAC and to ship to HTAC Adjustment Center located at 18 Thatcher Road, Dayton, NJ 08810 before issuing a credit for the replacement tire and replacement service.

11. HTAC has maintained a list of the names and addresses of the first purchasers of the recalled tires. HTAC will send a recall notice to each and every owner of the recalled tires registered.

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If you have any questions, please contact Dae-Ki Min, HTAC’s legal representative (201)894-8080 or Won Yong Choi, Technical Service Manager of HTAC at (973)406-3612.

You may also call (800)HANKOOK (426-5665) a toll free number.