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Ms. Nancy Lummen Lewis
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Defect Information Report: Autotech Accessories Inc.

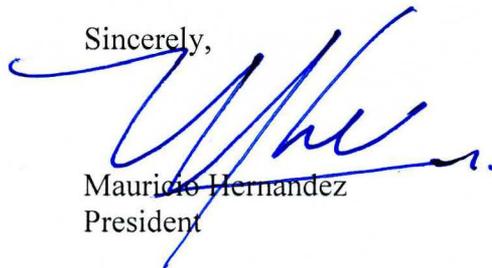
Dear Ms. Lewis:

Through the undersigned, Autotech Accessories Inc. ("Autotech"), is submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.

Autotech has determined that certain aftermarket wheels that it imported can fail in use. If this occurs, it could increase the risk of a crash. Although Autotech has not received any reports of a crash associated with this issue, it has decided to conduct a safety recall to address this issue.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned by e-mail at mauricio@tenzoracingsports.com or by telephone at (661) 250-3000.

Sincerely,



Mauricio Hernandez
President

Enclosure

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer's name/address:

The fabricating manufacturer of the wheels covered by this report is:

Ningbo Waywell Machinery Co., Ltd.
No. 777 Yinxian Road
Gulin County
Ningbo
China
Tel: 86-574-88179010
E-mail: waywell@nbwaywell.com

The wheels were imported into the United States by:

Autotech Accessories Inc. ("Autotech")
21303 Itasca Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311

2. Equipment involved in this defect notification:

The defective equipment consists of Avid-03 15x8.0 +25 offset aftermarket wheels intended for use on compact passenger vehicles, mainly older models with a bolt pattern of 4x100 (the most popular vehicles for these wheels are: Older Scion XB, Older Honda Civic, Older BMW E36, older Mazda Miata, older Acura Integra). The part numbers of these wheels are AV0315804H25MF (machined face), AV0315804H25SL (silver face), AV0315804H25GL (gold face), and AV0315804H25WH (white face).

The subject wheels were produced between March 2013 and October 2013.

None of these wheels were sold for use as original equipment on new motor vehicles.

3. Total number of items of equipment:

Approximately 1,600 wheels.

4. Approximate percentage of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect:

Unknown.

5. Description of the defect:

The spokes of the wheel can break, which leads to the separation of the center part of the wheel from the barrel. If this occurs, it could cause a loss of control, which could increase the risk of a crash.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

In October 2013 Autotech received its first report of a separation of one of the subject wheels. Autotech could not determine if the problem was due to an impact or not. After receipt of two other reports, Autotech commenced an investigation of the issue. During that investigation, Autotech became aware of the possibility that the wheels did not comply with specified testing standards.

The factory in China claims that the problem is limited to only one batch of the wheels, and it has been fixed. Autotech is in the process of submitting samples of the wheels from other batches to an independent testing facility in Taiwan to confirm whether or not they meet the specified testing standards.

Although it is not aware of any reports of crashes due to this issue, in July 2014, after receipt of additional complaints, Autotech decided to conduct a recall of the subject wheels.

7. Program for remedying the defect (including schedule for dealer and owner notification):

Autotech has stopped shipments of the subject wheels, and it has requested its distributors to quarantine their inventory and to return any unsold wheels. Autotech plans to work with its distributors to attempt to identify retail purchasers of the subject wheels. All identified purchasers of the subject wheels will be offered replacement wheels of comparable value at no charge for the wheels or for labor.

Notification of identified owners is scheduled to begin in August 2014. Autotech does not plan to advise owners with respect to potential reimbursement pursuant to 49 CFR 573.11 because the covered wheels are all still under warranty.

Autotech will provide NHTSA with a copy of a proposed owner notification letter at least five days prior to commencing the recall campaign.