



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

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NVS-215TB
15T-024

Subject: Tires May Develop Cracks in Sidewall

Dear Mr. Min, Esq.:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hankook Tire America Corp.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

HANKOOK/VENTUS S1 NOBLE 2/245/40R19 94W
HANKOOK/VENTUS S1 NOBLE 2/245/45R18 96W
HANKOOK/VENTUS S1 NOBLE 2/275/35R19 96W

Mfr's Report Date: December 18, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15T-024

Components:

TIRES:SIDEWALL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 46,968

Problem Description:

Hankook Tire America Corp. (Hankook) is recalling certain Ventus S1 Noble 2 tires, size 245/45R18 96W, manufactured May 20, 2013, to February 14, 2015, and size 245/40R19 94W and 275/35R19 96W tires manufactured May 22, 2013, to February 14, 2015 supplied for 2015 Hyundai Genesis vehicles as well as being sold as replacement tires. The affected tires may develop cracks in the tire sidewall, resulting in a loss of air.

Consequence:

A loss of tire pressure may cause tire failure and a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Hankook will notify the purchasers of the replacement tires and Hankook dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. Owners of affected Hyundai vehicles will be notified by Hyundai and Hyundai dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2016. Owners may contact Hankook customer service at 1-800-426-5665.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



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

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Tariq Bond who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5472, or by email at tariq.bond@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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