



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

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Washington, DC 20590

October 14, 2016

Ms. Marisa Cuellar
GITI Tire (USA) Ltd.
10404 Sixth Street
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NEF-150KS
16T-017

Subject: Sidewall Cracks may cause Loss of Air Pressure

Dear Ms. Cuellar:

This letter serves to acknowledge GITI Tire (USA) Ltd.'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:

DEXTERO/TOURING DTR1/205/50R17 93V XL
DEXTERO/TOURING DTR1/215/50R17 95V XL
DEXTERO/TOURING DTR1/225/50R17 94V
GT RADIAL/CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S/205/50R17 93V XL
GT RADIAL/CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S/205/65R16 95H
GT RADIAL/CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S/215/50R17 95V XL
GT RADIAL/CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S/225/50R17 94V
GT RADIAL/CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S/225/50R18 95T
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/205/50R17 93V XL
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/205/65R16 95H
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/215/50R17 95V XL
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/225/50R17 94V
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/225/50R18 95T

Mfr's Report Date: October 5, 2016

Amended Mfr's Report Date: October 13, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16T-017

Components:

TIRES:SIDEWALL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 250,620

Problem Description:

GITI Tire (USA) Ltd. (GITI) is recalling certain imported Primewell Valera Touring II tires, sizes 205/50R17 93V XL, 215/50R17 95V XL, 225/50R17 94V, 225/50R18 95T, and 205/65R16 95H, GT Radial Champiro Touring A/S tires, sizes 205/50R17 93V XL, 215/50R17 95V XL, 225/50R17 94V, 205/65R16 95H, and 225/50R18 95T, and Dextero Touring DTR1 tires, sizes 205/50R17 93V XL, 215/50R17 95V XL, 225/50R17 94V, manufactured by PT. Gajah Tunggal TBK in Indonesia. The affected replacement passenger car tires may develop cracks in the lower sidewall, potentially resulting in a loss of air.

Consequence:

A loss of air pressure may result in sudden tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

GITI will notify owners, and dealers will replace the affected tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2016. Owners may contact GITI customer service at 1-877-342-0882.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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