

Technical Service and Compliance

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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Re: Part 573.6 Defect and Non-compliance Information Report

(1) 573.6 (c) (1) Manufacturer's and Distributor's Names

Manufacturer

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(2) 573.6(c) (2) Identification of tires potentially containing the defect

The tires involved can be identified as follows:

Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL

Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II

Tire Size: 205/50R17 93V XL

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: MAY 4, 2014 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HF	CLVX	1814	3516

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Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL

Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II

Tire Size: 215/50R17 95V XL

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: JUNE 1, 2014 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HH	CLVX	2214	3516

Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL

Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II

Tire Size: 225/50R17 94V

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: APRIL 20, 2014 – AUGUST 27, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HJ	CLVX	1614	3416

Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL

Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II

Tire Size: 225/50R18 95T

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: MAY 11, 2014 – AUGUST 27, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	FH	CLTX	1914	3416

Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL

Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II

Tire Size: 205/65R16 95H

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: APRIL 27, 2014 – OCTOBER 8, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	BC	CLHX	1714	4016

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Tire Brand: GT RADIAL

Tire Line: CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S

Tire Size: 205/50R17 93V XL

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: NOVEMBER 15, 2015 – AUGUST 27, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HF	CRVX	4615	3416

Tire Brand: GT RADIAL

Tire Line: CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S

Tire Size: 215/50R17 95V XL

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: NOVEMBER 8, 2015 – AUGUST 13, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HH	CRVX	4515	3216

Tire Brand: GT RADIAL

Tire Line: CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S

Tire Size: 225/50R17 94V

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: NOVEMBER 8, 2015 – AUGUST 27, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HJ	CRVX	4515	3416

Tire Brand: GT RADIAL

Tire Line: CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S

Tire Size: 225/50R18 95T

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: JANUARY 17, 2016 – AUGUST 27, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	FH	CRTX	0316	3416

Tire Brand: GT RADIAL

Tire Line: CHAMPIRO TOURING A/S

Tire Size: 205/65R16 95H

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: OCTOBER 4, 2015 – OCTOBER 8, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	BC	CLHX	4015	4016

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Tire Brand: DEXTERO

Tire Line: TOURING DTR1

Tire Size: 205/50R17 93V XL

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: NOVEMBER 1, 2015 – AUGUST 6, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HF	CVVX	4415	3116

Tire Brand: DEXTERO

Tire Line: TOURING DTR1

Tire Size: 215/50R17 95V XL

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: OCTOBER 4, 2015 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HH	CVVX	4015	3616

Tire Brand: DEXTERO

Tire Line: TOURING DTR1

Tire Size: 225/50R17 94V

Descriptive Information: The subject tire is sold to replacement market for use on passenger cars

Production Dates: OCTOBER 18, 2015 – SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HJ	CVVX	4215	3516

(3) 573.6(c)(3) Total number of tires potentially containing the defect

A total of 250,620 of the subject tires were sold to distributors/dealers/users in the USA.

(4) 573.6(c)(4) Percentage of tires estimated to actually exhibit the defect

100% of the subject tires may have the potential to develop the condition. A total of 0.06% has been reported exhibiting the condition.

(5) 573.6(c)(5) Description of the defect

PT. Gajah Tunggal Tbk, manufacturer of the subject tires, has determined that the subject tires may be prone to developing a crack in the lower sidewall area of the tire. The crack may be attributable to an anomaly in the lower sidewall area of the tire and can manifest into an external visible crack usually after the tire is in service for several months.

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In most instances, the crack happens on one side of the tire (OSS or opposite serial side), that is usually mounted inboard on the vehicle thereby making visual detection difficult.

The cracking could result in air pressure loss and, in a worst instance, the air pressure loss could disable the tire. If the tire is not replaced, the loss of air pressure could result in a potential loss of control of the vehicle and increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

A total of 103 tires have been reported and inspected to date. There has been no report of air pressure loss. There has been one (1) property damage claim not attributable to the subject condition. No injuries have been reported.

All instances reported so far are Valera Touring II as sales started in 2015; no instances reported for Dexter DTR1 and Champiro Touring A/S as sales started only in 2016.

(6) 573.6(c)(6) Basis for determination of the defect

From the Warranty Claims, tires were collected for inspection:

- May 2015, 1 tire
- December 2015, 1 tire
- March 2016, 3 tires
- May 2016, 4 tires
- August 5, 2016: 15 tires
- August 18, 2016: Review at PTGT of findings.
- August 19, 2016: Decision to stop production and shipment, while continuing the investigation.
- August 23, 2016: 24 tires
- September 5, 2016: tire construction improvement and testing
- September 7, 2016: 6 tires
- September 16, 2016: Decision to initiate Tire Recall
- September 23, 2016: PT. Gajah Tunggal Tbk filed Defect and Non-Compliance Report with NHTSA, which NHTSA acknowledged receipt of on September 23, 2016 under Transaction ID 16002360818442-13 (Amendment no 2)
- September 29, 2016: NHTSA requested that Defect and Non-Compliance Report be filed through importer of record.
- September 29, 2016: 5 tires
- September 30, 2016: 44 tires

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(7) 573.6(c)(8) Remedy program

- All tires identified within the date range indicated will be replaced with similar tires at no cost to the distributors/dealers/users.
- Distributors/dealers/users will begin to be notified of this recall no later than October 17th 2016.
- All subject tires recovered from service, or in distributors/dealers possession, will be scrapped according to applicable laws.
- Production of replacement tires will start once the improvement has been confirmed.

(8) 573.6(c)(9) Disposition of tires recalled

In accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.6(c) (9)(i-iii), the importer/distributor will keep its dealers aware of the requirements in connection with the disposition of tires recalled through a notification letter that will separately be submitted to NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.6(c)(10). The program for the disposition of all tires recalled will comply with all applicable state and local laws regarding the disposal of such tires and to the extent reasonably practical will be channeled to a category of positive reuse or for purposes beneficial to non-vehicular reuse.

(9) 573.6(c)(10): Owner notification

A representative copy of the letter to be sent to distributor, dealers and/or users will be submitted to NHTSA when ready no later than October 17th 2016.

We trust that you will find the above information sufficient. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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GITI Tire (USA) Ltd.