



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 2, 2017

Ms. Robin Pickard
American Kenda Rubber Industrial Company
7095 Americana Parkway
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

NEF-150KS
17T-010

Subject: Void in Tire may cause Tread Separation

Dear Ms. Pickard:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Kenda Rubber Industrial Company'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:

KENDA/KENECTICA/P235/75R15 1055 KR17

Mfr's Report Date: May 23, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17T-010

Components:

TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 696

Problem Description:

American Kenda Rubber Industrial (Kenda) is recalling certain Kenda Kenetica tires, size P235/75R15 105S KR17. The tires may have a void between the top steel belt and the tire undertread located at the overlapped steel belt splice.

Consequence:

The void can grow under normal use, possibly resulting in a tread separation or a sudden loss of air in the tire, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Kenda will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the affected tires with tires that do not contain a void, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during June 2017. Owners may contact Kenda customer service at 1-866-536-3287. Kenda's number for this recall is K3D5ANA5116-5216.

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 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.

We have received Kenda'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.

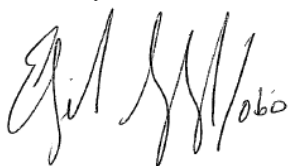
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Timian', with a date '10/26/10' written at the end of the signature.

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