



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 10, 2017

Ms. Marisa Cuellar
GITI Tire (USA) Ltd.
10404 Sixth Street
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

NEF-150KS
17T-013

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:

PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/185/65R14 86H
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/195/60R15 88H
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/205/55R16 91H
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/205/60R16 92V
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/215/60R17 96H
PRIMEWELL/VALERA TOURING II/235/60R17 102T

Mfr's Report Date: June 30, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17T-013

Components:

TIRES:SIDEWALL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 394,378

Problem Description:

GITI Tire (USA) Ltd. (GITI) is recalling certain Primewell Valera Touring II replacement passenger car tires, sizes 185/65R14 86H, 195/60R15 88H, 205/55R16 91H, 205/60R16 92V, 215/60R17 96H, and 235/60R17 102T. The affected 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 July 20, 2017. Owners may contact GITI customer service at 1-866-488-4737.

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:

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please update your provided chronology to include a summary of the dates that you were notified of the tire problems that were the basis for the determination that the defect existed.

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).

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