

## 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

**PT. GAJAH TUNGGAL TBK**  
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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: 185/65R14 86H**

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

**Production Dates: APRIL 1, 2015 – NOVEMBER 20, 2016**

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	LX	CLHX	1415	4616

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**Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL**

**Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II**

**Tire Size: 195/60R15 88H**

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

**Production Dates: APRIL 1, 2015 – DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	K5	CLHX	1415	5216

**Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL**

**Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II**

**Tire Size: 205/55R16 91H**

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

**Production Dates: JULY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	JL	CLHX	2714	5216

**Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL**

**Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II**

**Tire Size: 205/60R16 92V**

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

**Production Dates: AUGUST 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	J5	CLVX	3114	5216

**Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL**

**Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II**

**Tire Size: 215/60R17 96H**

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

**Production Dates: JULY 1, 2014 – DECEMBER 4, 2016**

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	H0	CLHX	2714	4816

**Tire Brand: PRIMEWELL**

**Tire Line: VALERA TOURING II**

**Tire Size: 235/60R17 102T**

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

**Production Dates: SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 – NOVEMBER 27, 2016**

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code:	End M Code:
Y9	HR	CLTX	3614	4716

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

A total of **394,378** 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**

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. The crack could result in air pressure loss.

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.

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

A continuous monitoring of market signals has confirmed that certain sizes of tire Primewell VT2 with the condition described in numeral (5), have reached a level that leads PTGT to initiate a voluntary safety recall. Such determination was reached on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 by PTGT.

A total of **219** tires have been reported and inspected to date. There has been no report of air pressure loss. There has been no reported property damage or injury claim attributable to the subject condition.

### **(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 July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- All subject tires recovered from service, or in distributors/dealers possession, will be scrapped according to applicable laws.

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### **(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 July 15, 2017.

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,



William I. Estupinan  
**Vice President of Technical Service and Compliance**  
**GITI Tire (USA) Ltd.**