



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

October 19, 2017

Ms. Kathleen Cindric
Max-Trac Tire Co., Inc.
701 Lima Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840

NEF-150KS
17T-016

Subject: Bulge in Tread Causing Separation/FMVSS 119

Dear Ms. Cindric:

This letter serves to acknowledge Max-Trac Tire Co., Inc.'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:

AVON/VIPER STRYKE/120/70R14
AVON/VIPER STRYKE/120/70R15
AVON/VIPER STRYKE/160/60R14
AVON/VIPER STRYKE/160/60R15

Mfr's Report Date: September 29, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17T-016

Components:

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 245

Problem Description:

Max-Trac Tire Co., Inc. (Max-Trac) is recalling certain Avon Viper Stryke tires, sizes 120/70R14, 120/70R15, 160/60R14, and 160/60R15, manufactured from January 4, 2015 through April 8, 2017. A bulge may develop in the tread or the tread may separate from the tire. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 119, "New Pneumatic Tires-Other than Passenger Cars."

Consequence:

A bulge in the tread or a tread separation can cause a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Max-Trac will notify owners, and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Avon Motorcycle Tyres North America at 1-800-642-7470 extension 3159. Max-Trac's number for this recall is 169.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received Max-Trac'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,



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