



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

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NEF-150CL
19T-008

Subject: Tire Tread Can Detach

Dear Mr. Donovan:

This letter serves to acknowledge Sumitomo Rubber Industries, 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:

DUNLOP/SP SPORT 5000/215/45R18 89W
FALKEN/ZIEX CT50 A/S/P255/50R20 104V
GOODYEAR/EAGLE LS2/215/50R17 90V

Mfr's Report Date: October 21, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19T-008

Components:

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,286

Problem Description:

Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd. (Sumitomo) is recalling certain Falken ZIEX CT50 A/S tires, size P255/50R20 104V, having date code 1619, Dunlop SP Sport 5000 tires, size 215/45R18 89W, having date code 0919, and Goodyear Eagle LS2 tires size P215/50R17 90V, having date code 0619. An incorrect rubber compound may have been used in manufacturing, which may allow sections near the tread surface to become partially detached.

Consequence:

A detached tread can decrease vehicle stability thereby increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Goodyear Eagle LS2 tires size P215/50R17 90V, having date code 0619 have been recovered from dealer inventory before sold to consumers.

Sumitomo will notify owners and dealers of the remaining recalled Falken ZIEX CT50 A/S tires, size P255/50R20 104V, having date code 1619, and Dunlop SP Sport 5000 tires, size 215/45R18 89W, having date code 0919. Dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 6, 2019. Owners may contact Sumitomo customer service at 1-800-845-8378.

Notes:

Goodyear Eagle LS2 tires size P215/50R17 90V, having date code 0619 have been recovered from dealer inventory before sold to consumers.

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:

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).

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.

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 Choon Lee who may be reached by phone at 202 366 0388, or by email at choon.lee@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement