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NEF-150CL
20T-006

Subject: Tread Block Separation/FMVSS 139

Dear David Archual:

This letter serves to acknowledge Compañía Hulera Tornel, S.A.de C.V.'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:

TORNEL/DEPORTIVA/P235/60R14

Mfr's Report Date: March 13, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20T-006

Components:

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 728

Problem Description:

Compañía Hulera Tornel, S.A.de C.V. (Tornel) is recalling certain Tornel Deportiva tires, size P235/60R14, with DOT date codes 2216 and 4116 through 5016. Due to a manufacturing issue, the adhesive between the belt and tread base may fail, possibly causing tread block separation. As such, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles."

Consequence:

A tread block separation could lead to loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Tornel will notify owners, and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 29, 2020. Owners may contact Compañía Hulera Tornel customer service at 1-281-919-1944.

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:

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,



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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement