



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Glenn Leonardi
Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC
10 Sheridan Drive
Tonawanda, NY 14150

NEF-107DR
22T-017

Subject: Incomplete Curing of the Tread Base Rubber

Dear Glenn Leonardi:

This letter serves to acknowledge Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC'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:

FALKEN/PRO G5 CSV/235/65 R17 104V
FALKEN/PRO G5 CSV/235/65 R18 106V
FALKEN/PRO G5 CSV/245/50 R20 102V
FALKEN/PRO G5 CSV/265/50 R20 111V

Mfr's Report Date: September 14, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22T-017

Components:

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,814

Problem Description:

Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC (Sumitomo) is recalling certain Falken Pro G5 CSV tires, size 235/65R17 104V, 235/65R18 106V, 245/50R20 102V, and 265/50R20 111V. An inadequate sulfur level in the tread base compound prevented proper curing of the tread base rubber.

Consequence:

Inadequate curing may lead to tread separating from the tire, causing vehicle instability, and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed October 3, 2022. Owners may contact Falken tire's customer service at 1-877-763-0416.

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.nhtsa.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 eight 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.

Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC's contact for this recall will be Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at darishea.rollins@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement