



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

August 6, 2015

Mr. James Parr  
Compliance Officer  
Discount Tire  
20225 N Scottsdale Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

NVS-215MR  
15T-015

**Subject:** Tread Separation

Dear Mr. Parr:

This letter serves to acknowledge Discount Tire'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:**

PATHFINDER SAT/PATHFINDER SAT/LT245/75R17E1 121R W  
PATHFINDER SAT/PATHFINDER SAT/LT265/70R17E1 121S B  
PATHFINDER SAT/PATHFINDER SAT/LT265/75R16E1 123Q W  
PATHFINDER SAT/PATHFINDER SAT/LT275/65R18E1 123S B

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 17, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15T-015

**Components:**

TIRES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 79,513

**Problem Description:**

Discount Tire is recalling certain Pathfinder SAT LT245/75R17E1 121R W tires manufactured September 16, 2013, to May 19, 2015, Pathfinder SAT LT265/75R16E1 123Q W tires manufactured August 5, 2013, to May 19, 2015, Pathfinder SAT LT265/70R17E1 121S B tires manufactured September 2, 2013, to May 19, 2015, and Pathfinder SAT LT275/65R18E1 123S B tires manufactured October 7, 2013, to May 19, 2015. These replacement light truck tires may have been manufactured with an inner liner gauge that is lower than specified. As a result, the tire tread may separate and cause rapid air pressure loss.

**Consequence:**

If a tire experiences tread separation or air pressure loss, it can increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

**Remedy:**

Discount Tire will notify owners, and dealers will provide replacement tires or refund the purchase price, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2015. Owners may contact Discount Tire customer service at 1-888-519-6914.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Discount Tire'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.

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the replacement tires.

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).

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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