

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15T-015****Manufacturer Name :** Discount Tire**Submission Date :** JUL 17,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15T-015**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Discount Tire

Address : 20225 N Scottsdale Rd

Scottsdale AZ 85255

Company phone : 480-606-6000

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 79,513

Estimated percentage with defect : 60

Tire Information :

Tire Brand : Pathfinder SAT

Tire Line : Pathfinder SAT

Tire Size : LT245/75R17E1 121R W

Descriptive Information : Light Truck tires sold exclusively in the replacement market and intended for installation on full size pick-up trucks and SUVs.

Production Dates : SEP 16, 2013 - MAY 19, 2015

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
K2	HQ	YD5T	3813	2515

Tire Brand : Pathfinder SAT

Tire Line : Pathfinder SAT

Tire Size : LT265/75R16E1 123Q W

Descriptive Information : Light Truck tires sold exclusively in the replacement market and intended for installation on full size pick-up trucks and SUVs.

Production Dates : AUG 05, 2013 - MAY 19, 2015

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
H2	W8	YD5T	3213	2515

Tire Brand : Pathfinder SAT

Tire Line : Pathfinder SAT

Tire Size : LT265/70R17E1 121S B

Descriptive Information : Light Truck tires sold exclusively in the replacement market and intended for installation on full size pick-up trucks and SUVs.

Production Dates : SEP 02, 2013 - MAY 19, 2015

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
K2	HG	YD5T	3613	2515

Tire Brand : Pathfinder SAT

Tire Line : Pathfinder SAT

Tire Size : LT275/65R18E1 123S B

Descriptive Information : Light Truck tires sold exclusively in the replacement market and intended for installation on full size pick-up trucks and SUVs.

Production Dates : OCT 07, 2013 - MAY 19, 2015

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
K2	HU	YD5T	4113	2515

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Although the tires subject to the recall comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 139, some of the affected tires may have a lower than specified inner liner gauge. These tires could develop a tread separation and/or detachment, which could result in air loss. The initiation of a tread separation is often evidenced by a ride vibration or irregular wear. In some circumstances, a loss of tread could result in rapid air loss, loss of vehicle control or a vehicle crash.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If undetected, this condition may contribute to a tread separation and/or loss of inflation pressure, which could lead to a crash.

Description of the Cause : A production process resulted in some tires with a lower than specified inner liner gauge.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Drivers may experience pull, vibrations and/or uneven tire wear.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

- In early February 2015, Discount Tire noted that there were some Pathfinder SAT LT Metric tires that were exhibiting early life belt edge separations.
- Adjustment analysis indicated a slight elevation in the adjustment rate when compared with competitive tires.
- With so little empirical data to work with, Discount Tire conducted testing on 2 tires, including 5 weeks of oven aging followed by the FMVSS 139 endurance test.
- In late-March, the tires were removed from the oven because they had developed sidewall blisters, and not as a result of belt edge separation.
- Kumho was called and a meeting was held. It was decided by both parties that more testing and analysis needed to be done.
- After analyzing additional adjustment data, Discount Tire decided to put the tires listed above on hold pending the outcome of the Kumho testing and analysis. This occurred in mid-May, 2015.
- Based on the analysis and field data and after meeting on July 9, 2015, Kumho, Discount Tire decided to voluntarily recall the 4 tire models listed above. Discount Tire made this determination on July 10, 2015.
- There have been no reports of any accident, injury or death regarding the subject tires related to this reported condition.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : A free replacement tire of an equivalent tire or a full refund of the entire purchase price.

Discount Tire will notify consumers who purchased a recalled tire to remove them from service as soon as possible and to obtain a free replacement, or a full refund, for each of the recalled tires. Discount Tire will notify customers through an Initial Mailed Notice, Second Mailed Notice to nonparticipating consumers, Postcard Notice, an email if known, information posted on a Website and information available through a Call Center.

Discount Tire will offer to reimburse the replacement cost for any customer who, prior to this campaign, replaced these tires due to the condition described above. Discount Tire will provide a draft reimbursement form for NHTSA's review, under separate cover, in the near future.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The replacement tire will not contain the defect described above.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Discount Tire does not sell these tires through independent dealers; all were sold by Discount Tire employees at Discount Tire or America's Tire stores. Discount Tire intends to notify its stores about this recall by July 31, 2015, and will provide a representative copy of that communication for NHTSA's information.

Sales of the above tires by Discount Tire stopped on May 19, 2015.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUL 31, 2015 - AUG 28, 2015

Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Company Phone : NR

* NR - Not Reported