



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

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NEF-150KS  
16T-010

**Subject:** Tire Sidewall May Blister/FMVSS 139

Dear Mr. Arschin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vee Tyre and Rubber Co., 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:**

TAIGA M/T/TAIGA/LT225/75R16

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 27, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16T-010

**Components:**

TIRES:SIDEWALL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 21

**Problem Description:**

Vee Tyre and Rubber Co., Ltd (Vee) is recalling certain Taiga M/T tires, size LT225/75R16, manufactured January 8, 2015, to March 1, 2015. The sidewall of the affected tires may blister and the interliner may separate, compromising the integrity of the tires at high speeds. 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:**

If the sidewall blisters or interliner separates it may cause a tire blow out at high speeds, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Vee has successfully quarantined the affected tires. The recall began on May 25, 2016. Owners may contact Vee customer service at 1-212-564-7575.

**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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

The information in your report suggests that Vee may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6

Since you state that all of the affected tires have been quarantined, you are required to submit one quarterly recall completion rate submission, listing a 100 percent completion.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

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