

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17T-010

Manufacturer Name : AMERICAN KENDA RUBBER INDUSTRIAL COMPANY

Submission Date : MAY 23, 2017

NHTSA Recall No. : 17T-010

Manufacturer Recall No. : K3D5ANA5116-5216



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : AMERICAN KENDA RUBBER INDUSTRIAL COMPANY
 Address : 7095 AMERICANA PARKWAY
 REYNOLDSBURG OH 43068
 Company phone : 999

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 696
 Estimated percentage with defect : 78 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : Kenda

Tire Line : Kenetica

Tire Size : P235/75R15 105S KR17

Descriptive Information : New Pneumatic Tires of Rubber DOT codes: K3D5ANA5116 and K3D5ANA5216
 Set-Up Manufacturer ID's: 9259 6122301 9226 6122301 9259 6122401 9226 6122401 9259 6122501 9226 6122501 9259 6122601 9226 6122601

Production Dates : DEC 23, 2016 -DEC 26, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
KA	D5	ANA	5116	5216

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The defect is a "void" in the tire between the top steel belt and tire undertread located at the overlapped steel belt splice.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The "void" area could grow as the tires are in repeated use and develop into a tread separation under selected usage conditions.

Description of the Cause : The cause of the defect is improper machine set-up.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : For the consumer, there would be no noticeable indication of the void as manufactured. However, a vibration issue would become noticeable by the consumer, over time should a tread separation develop

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Kenda Rubber Industrial Company Ltd
Address : No. 146 Sec, 1, Chung Shan Road
Yuanlin FOREIGN STATES
Country : Taiwan, Province of China

Chronology :

There have been no reported incidents at this time such as crashes, injuries, or fatalities. The tires were manufactured between 12/23/16 and 12/26/16 and the void was found. Durability testing completed on 1/17/17 on tires containing the void indicated that the void did not cause a tread separation. Recall is being initiated as a preventative measure

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Consumers having tires with DOT codes K3D5ANA5116 and K3D5ANA5216 will be instructed to contact American Kenda Rubber. They will be provided written instructions for going to their local dealer for inspection and verification of the manufacturer identification number. The consumer will present to the dealer the written instructions for the inspection and reimbursement to the dealer. The dealer should follow the instructions for inspection, reporting details, destruction of defective tires, and reimbursement by American Kenda Rubber. The remedy program will basically consist of tire replacement at no cost to the consumer, if the tires have the manufacturer identification numbers in question. If the tires do not have the manufacturer identification numbers in question, the tires will not be replaced, and the inspection will be of no cost to the consumer. Due to the recent manufacture date, the tires should not have accumulated enough wear to exhibit any issues due to the defect. Additionally, there have been no reported incidents of consumers having incurred costs due to the defect. However, consumers who can demonstrate incurred costs directly related to the defect will be reimbursed. As for production remedy, the machine set-up was corrected on 12/27/16 and retraining of operators was completed.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The recalled component (tires) will have DOT codes K3D5ANA5116 and K3D5ANA5216. The remedy component (tires) will have DOT codes K3D5ANA5116 and K3D5ANA5216 AND the set-up manufacturer identification described in Section II Identification of the recall population and its size.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : As for production remedy, the machine set-up was corrected on 12/27/16 and retraining of operators was completed

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Owner and purchaser notifications are projected to be issued during second quarter of 2017. Dealers and distributors were notified early January 2017 and were provided instructions for returning the shipment of tires to American Kenda Rubber for inspection. To date the majority of the tires have been returned and quarantined by American Kenda Rubber

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 23, 2017 - DEC 31, 2017

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 01, 2017 - AUG 31, 2017

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