



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

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Mr. Justin Shellaway  
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NEF-107CL  
21T-011

**Subject:** Tire Tread Separation

Dear Mr. Shellaway:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hankook Tire America Corp.'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:**

HANKOOK/KINERGY GT/235/50R19H

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 15, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21T-011

**Components:**

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 7,026

**Problem Description:**

Hankook Tire America Corp. (Hankook) is recalling certain Kinergy GT (H436) tires, size 235/50R19H with DOT code 0521. The tires may have been manufactured with an insufficient amount of curative agent, which could cause tread separation.

**Consequence:**

Tread separation can result in tire failure and a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Dealers and authorized independent service centers will replace the affected tires, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed July 29, 2021. Owners may contact Hankook customer service at 1-800-426-5665.

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

We have received Hankook'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.



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.

Hankook Tire America Corp.'s contact for this recall will be Choon Lee who may be reached by email at [choon.lee@dot.gov](mailto:choon.lee@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement