



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 8, 2021

Mr. Rick Muise
Sailun Tire Americas, Inc.
211 Hunter's Valley Rd.
Woodbridge, Ontario L4H3V9

NEF-107CL
21T-018

Subject: Tire Belt Separation

Dear Mr. Muise:

This letter serves to acknowledge Sailun Tire Americas, Inc.'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:

SAILUN/BLACKHAWK/ST235/80R16
SAILUN/BLACKHAWK/ST235/85R16
SAILUN/BLACKLION/ST235/80R16
SAILUN/BLACKLION/ST235/85R16
SAILUN/IRONHEAD/ST235/80R16
SAILUN/IRONHEAD/ST235/85R16
SAILUN/ROADX/ST235/80R16
SAILUN/ROADX/ST235/85R16
SAILUN/SAILUN/ST235/80R16
SAILUN/SAILUN/ST235/85R16

Mfr's Report Date: November 30, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21T-018

Components:

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 84,351

Problem Description:

Sailun Tire Americas, Inc. (Sailun) is recalling certain Sailun, RoadX, Blacklion, Blackhawk, and Ironhead brand tires, sizes ST235/80R16 and ST235/85R16 with DOT codes 2020 through 4120. Due to a manufacturing issue, the tires may experience a belt separation.

Consequence:

Belt separation could lead to loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Sailun will replace the tires, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed in December 2021. Owners may contact Sailun customer service at 1-844-281-9696.



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.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

A statement that the defect or noncompliance can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning; or a description of whatever prior warning may occur, and a statement that if this warning is not heeded, a vehicle crash can occur (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(1)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

We have received Sailun's proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they are 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 eight 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.

Sailun Tire Americas, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Choon Lee who may be reached by email at choon.lee@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement