



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

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Washington, DC 20590

May 13, 2022

Mr. James Donovan
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Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.
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White Plains, NY 10604

NEF-107DR
22T-007

Subject: Tire Bead Separation/FMVSS 119

Dear Mr. Donovan:

This letter serves to acknowledge Sumitomo Rubber Industries, 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:

FALKEN/GI338/11R24.5 149/146K
FALKEN/RI130EC/11R22.5 146/143L
FALKEN/RI130EC/11R24.5 149/146L
FALKEN/RI130EC/285/75R24.5 147/144L
FALKEN/RI150EC/11R22.5 146/143L
FALKEN/RI151S/315/80R22.5 156/150L
SUMITOMO/ST528/11R22.5 16PR
SUMITOMO/ST528/11R24.5 16PR
SUMITOMO/ST709SE/11R24.5 149/146L
SUMITOMO/ST709SE/285/75R24.5 144/141L
SUMITOMO/ST710SE/11R22.5 144/142L
SUMITOMO/ST710SE/11R24.5 146/143L
SUMITOMO/ST710SE/285/75R24.5 144/141L
SUMITOMO/ST719SE/11R22.5 146/143L
SUMITOMO/ST719SE/11R24.5 149/146L
SUMITOMO/ST719SE/285/75R24.5 147/144L
SUMITOMO/ST778+SE/11R24.5 149/146L
SUMITOMO/ST778+SE/285/75R24.5 144/141L
SUMITOMO/ST788SE/11R22.5 146/143L
SUMITOMO/ST788SE/11R24.5 149/146L
SUMITOMO/ST788SE/285/75R24.5 147/144L
SUMITOMO/ST900/11R24.5 16PR
SUMITOMO/ST908N/11R22.5 146/144L
SUMITOMO/ST938/11R24.5 149/146L
SUMITOMO/ST948SE/11R24.5 149/146L
SUMITOMO/ST948SE/285/75R24.5 144/141L

Mfr's Report Date: May 12, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22T-007

Components:

TIRES:BEAD

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,993**Problem Description:**

Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd. (Sumitomo) is recalling certain Sumitomo and Falken tires. Please refer to the recall report for specific tire information. A deformation may occur in the tires near the bead, which could result in bead separation. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 119, "New Pneumatic Tires-Other Than Passenger Cars."

Consequence:

Tire bead separation can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Sumitomo will notify owners and replace the affected tires, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 20, 2022. Owners may contact Sumitomo customer service at 1-800-845-8378.

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:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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.

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.

Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.'s contact for this recall will be Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at darishea.rollins@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Ansley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

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