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# **Part 573 Safety Recall Report**

Submission Date : AUG 13, 2022 NHTSA Recall No.: 22T-013 Manufacturer Recall No.: NR

### **Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Zhaoqing Junhong Co., Ltd.

Address : Linjiang Industry Park Zone Zhaoqing 00 526238 Company phone : 758-363-7668

## **Tire Information :**

| Tire Brand 1:                    | ANTARES  |              |            |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------|------------|--|--|
| Tire Line :                      | COMFORT A5   |              |            |  |  |
| Tire Size :                      | LT265/75R16 10PR 123/12  | 20S          |            |  |  |
| Descriptive Information :        | Because the subject tires and related inventory were produced in 2015, there are<br>no related tires of the corresponding year and inventory to do the corresponding<br>test. The factory could only check the company's previous routine inspection<br>records. The records show that the tests of high speed and durability in March<br>2015 and February 2017 met the standards of FMVSS No. 139. In the meanwhile,<br>we checked the production records of the subject tires and production time from<br>40th week to 45 week in 2015, it was found that the external temperature curve<br>of the vulcanizing machine M05 that produced the subject tires specification<br>from September 15, 2015 to November 19, 2015 exceeded the process<br>requirements, which may cause the tire to be over cured, but the external<br>temperature by the machine hot plate displayed is standard. Until November<br>19th, 2015, when the machine was maintained and repaired, the problem of<br>unqualified external temperature was found, and we repaired the machine at the<br>same time. At that time, because the appearance met the factory standard, the<br>batch of tires finally entered the market.<br>Based on the above, we draw a conclusion. The tires involved in non-compliance<br>are from September 15, 2015 to November 19, 2015. According to the safety and<br>liability reasons, we have decided to confirm the scope of subject tires during<br>DOT 3815-4515. |              |            |  |  |
| Production Dates :               | SEP 15, 2015 - NOV 19, 201   | 5            |            |  |  |
| TIN (Tire Identification Number) |  |              |            |  |  |
| Plant ID Size                    | code Optional Code   | Begin M Code | End M Code |  |  |
| KB U                             | JU NR  | 3815         | 4515       |  |  |

Number of potentially involved : NR NR





### **Description of Noncompliance :**

| 1                                | The separation of the belt around the tread pattern could happen during the endurance and high speed test |
|----------------------------------|---|
| FMVSS 1 :                        | 139 - New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles   |
| FMVSS 2 :                        | NR  |
| Description of the Safety Risk : | This may affect the performance of the tire   |
| Description of the Cause :       | Over curing of rubber causing by the excessive external temperature of the                                |
|                                  | vulcanizer  |
|                                  | Tread pattern bulge may occur   |
| that can Occur :                 |   |

#### **Involved Components :**

| Component Name :        |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Component Description : | NR |
| Component Part Number : | NR |

### **Supplier Identification :**

### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: ZHAOQING JUNHONG CO., LTD

Address : LINJIANG INDUSTRY PARK

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE ZHAOQING Foreign States 526238

Country: China

### Chronology :

June 21st, 2022: ZHAOQING JUNHONG CO., LTD received the mail from dear Jayton about the non-compliance notice of Antares Comfort A5 LT265/75R16 10PR 123/120S. Factory stopped the production of this size right now at that time.

June 22nd, 2022: To confirm the reason why the subject tires are non-compliance, factory made the internal investigation for all sizes of Comfort A5 and this subject size.

July 1st, 2022: We checked the LT265/75R16 10PR 123/120S COMFORT A5 development data, records of design changes and routine inspection data, and did not find any clues. We follow the Flow Chart of Manufacturing Process to find whether there were any abnormalities in quality control during the production process. The date code of the subject tires were 4015 and 4515, so we checked our record of manufacturing period that was between September 15th 2015 and November 19th, 2015 for the subject tire. Record shows

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that the subject tire was vulcanized on the M05 machine in 2015. When we checked the historical graph of the three elements of curing, that says temperature, pressure and time, we found something. The vulcanizer Instrument Panel shows the hot plate temperatures which is between 178.1 and 177.2 , also find that the displayed external temperature curve which was around 185°C. If the temperature is higher than the standard, over curing may occur, which leads to a reduction in the mechanical properties of the rubber and, as the load rises during use, the deformation of the tread will become more serious and generate more heat, which cause the parts to separate.

July 1st: to find out whether the test would fail due to over curing which was caused by overheat, we carried out a reconstruction experiment.

July 2nd: we do the similar tests within similar situation under FMVSS 139, the separation did happen. By the reconstruction experiment, we concluded that the noncompliance was due to over curing of rubber causing by the excessive external temperature of the vulcanizer.

#### **Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Currently being investigated

How Remedy Component Differs NR from Recalled Component :

Identify How/When Recall Condition NR was Corrected in Production :

### **Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Currently being investigated Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR Planned Owner Notification Date : NR <sup>-</sup> NR

#### **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 : Global Tire Depot Address : NR NR Country : US Company Phone : NR

\* NR - Not Reported

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