

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

24T-001

Manufacturer Name : Wheel Group Holdings LLC**Submission Date :** APR 10, 2024**NHTSA Recall No. :** 24T-001**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Wheel Group Holdings LLC

Address : 1050 N. Vineyard Ave.

Ontario CA 91764

Company phone : 6263631666

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 597,000

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : AMP

Tire Line : Terrain Attack R/T; Terrain Attack A/T, Terrain Pro A/T, Mud Terrain Attack M/T

Tire Size : Various

Descriptive Information : An all-terrain, all-weather tire of varying load ranges (SL, XL, C, D, E, and F) sold as replacement equipment.

Production Dates : JAN 01, 2018 - MAR 18, 2024

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
TB	NR	NR	00	00
04N	NR	NR	NR	NR
04N	NR	NR	00	00
00K	NR	NR	00	00
1Y9	NR	NR	00	00
1YC	NR	NR	00	00

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : The subject tires are marked with an Alpine symbol, the Three Peak Mountain SnowFlake ("3PMSF"), in accordance with the European Union UNECE R-117 protocol and associated snow traction testing conducted by TUV. However, the subject tires were not tested in accordance with the ASTM F1805 snow traction test required by FMVSS 139 and, as such, do not meet the definition of snow tire per 49 CFR 571.139 S5.5(i). Both the UNECE R-117 protocol and FMVSS 139 rely on the same 3PMSF symbol to designate tires as snow tires for the European Union and U.S. markets, respectively.

FMVSS 1 : 139 - New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The Wheel Group is not aware of any safety incidents in the field related to performance in snow, and the subject tires display the 3PMSF symbol in accordance with the UNECE R-117 protocol to demonstrate acceptable performance in snow. Out of an abundance of caution, The Wheel Group instituted a stop-ship on March 18, 2024 of all inventory marked with the 3PMSF symbol and will begin to inform dealers and distributors to stop customer sales.

Description of the Cause : The Wheel Group relied on compliance with the UNECE R-117 protocol and associated TUV testing, rather than ASTM F1805 testing, as the basis for applying the 3PMSF symbol.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Involved Components :

Component Name : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

- February 25-28, 2024: The Wheel Group and an overseas AMP tire supplier discussed how certain tires were tested to enable use of the 3PMSF symbol
- March 1-7, 2024: The Wheel Group engaged third-party consultants and independent testing organizations to seek clarity on potential testing gaps and conduct ASTM-1805 testing
- March 7-14, 2024: The Wheel Group facilitated third-party testing of select tires
- March 14, 2024: The Wheel Group determined that the select tires did not meet ASTM 1805 traction requirements
- March 18, 2024: The Wheel Group voluntarily initiated a stop-ship on all inventory with the 3PMSF symbol and will begin to inform dealers and distributors to stop customer sales.

April 9th, 2024: As part of our ongoing investigation, reviews of inventory tires discovered tires outside the original recall population that were mislabeled with the alpine symbol. A full review of inventory identified certain populations of Mud Terrain tires with specific date codes and SKU's that were mislabeled. We are updating our affected tire population based on this new information. Distributors will be notified to stop sale and inspect tires in the new population, and owners will be notified when the remedy is available.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The Wheel Group voluntarily initiated a stop-ship on all inventory with the 3PMSF symbol and has begun to inform dealers and distributors to stop customer sales. The Wheel Group is currently developing a program to provide affected customers with an appropriate remedy.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Remedy product will be fully compliant for regulatory requirements.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The Wheel Group voluntarily initiated a stop-ship on all inventory with the 3PMSF symbol and will begin to inform dealers and distributors to stop customer sales.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : The Wheel Group is developing a remedy program but intends to provide interim notifications to dealers/owners by May 20, 2024 if a remedy plan is not yet in place.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - 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 : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Company Phone : NR

* NR - Not Reported