Part 573 Safety Recall Report 24T-013

Manufacturer Name : Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC
Submission Date : NOV 15, 2024
NHTSA Recall No. : 24T-013
Manufacturer Recall No. : NR

Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Sumitomo Rubber USA, LLC
Address : 10 Sheridan Drive
Tonawanda NY 14150
Company phone : 879-8505

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 150
Estimated percentage with defect : 18 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : Falken
Tire Line : WildPeak AT4W
Tire Size : 275/60R20 115T
Descriptive Information : Based on a review of manufacturing records, certain tires produced during the suspect time period may have been manufactured using one nylon and one polyester ply, rather than using two polyester plies as identified on the tire label. Production and internal records identified that approximately 27 tires using mixed fabrics, within a population of 150 tires, left SRUSA's control. All 150 tires are being recalled.
Production Dates : SEP 29, 2024 - OCT 05, 2024

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
1DA	NU	3MER	3924	3924

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : During manufacturing, some tires may have been produced with one ply of nylon and one ply of polyester in the sidewall and tread. Because the tire label identifies the tire as using two polyester plies, affected tires may not comply with the labeling requirements of FMVSS 139 S5.5(e).
FMVSS 1 : 139 - New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles
FMVSS 2 : NR
Description of the Safety Risk : Suspect tires that are equipped with one polyester ply and one nylon ply may not meet the design specifications of the tires. Out of specification tires may increase the potential of tire failure, which under certain circumstances could result in inhibited tire performance and possibly increase the risk of a crash.
Description of the Cause : Rubberized fabric was mislabeled.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :	None.

Involved Components :

Component Name :	Tire
Component Description :	Tire ply
Component Part Number :	N/A

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name :	NR
Address :	NR
	NR
Country :	NR

Chronology :

10/11/2024: Based on a report from the manufacturing operators, SRUSA investigated and determined that nylon material may have been used during the manufacturing process. SRUSA initiated product quarantine for suspect production.
10/12-21/2024: SRUSA reviewed internal stock and determined some tires had mixed fabric.
10/21-30/2024: Searches for suspect tires identified a small population of tires manufactured on October 4, 2024, may have left SRUSA's control, which may have included tires with mixed fabric.
10/31/2024: SRUSA determined that a population of mislabeled tires had left SRUSA's control. Accordingly, SRUSA determined that there was a noncompliance with FMVSS 139 of certain tires.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Known tire owners will be contacted and asked to bring their vehicle/tires to an authorized dealer for replacement at no cost. Owners who registered their tires will be notified directly by mail. For those owners who did not register their tires, SRUSA will work with its distributors to obtain owner information, where available. This program to provide remedy tires without charge to the owner will be conducted through June 15, 2025. Dealers performing the replacement of recalled tires will be notified of their responsibilities in accordance with 49 CFR 573.6(c)(9). All subject tires remain under the manufacturer's warranty. Therefore, pursuant to 49 CFR 577.11(e), SRUSA requests an exemption from the reimbursement plan requirements.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	Replacement tires will be tires not included in the recall population.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	The mislabeled fabric was scrapped out. The process for labeling was corrected to ensure correct ply materials were used.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	All known customers, distributors and dealers will receive notification of the recall, instructions on how to identify the subject tires, information regarding the removal of the subject tires from service, and instructions on the return and disposal of the subject tires.
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	NOV 29, 2024 - NOV 29, 2024
Planned Owner Notification Date :	DEC 09, 2024 - DEC 09, 2024

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 :	N/A
Address :	N/A
	N/A N/A 00
Country :	NR
Company Phone :	NR

* NR - Not Reported