U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Boseung Kim
Kumho Tire Co., Inc.

Subject: Tire Tread May Separate/FMVSS 139

Dear Boseung Kim:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kumho Tire Co., 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.

Tire Brand/Tire Line/Tire Size:
KUMHO/SOLUS TA11/225/60R16

Mfr's Report Date: March 04, 2026

NHTSA Campaign Number: 26T009

Components:
TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11,169

Problem Description:
Kumho Tire Co., Inc. (“KTCI”) Is recalling certain Solus TA11 tires, size 225/60R16. The tire tread may separate. As such, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles."

Consequence:
Tread separation may increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:
KTCI will either refund the tire purchase price or replace the tires, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 3, 2026.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Involved Component Not Supplied

Provide the part number, name and description of the component(s) involved in this recall as required by 49 USC § 30119 in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section through the NHTSA Recalls Portal.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Risk Identification Not Supplied

Identify and describe the risk to motor vehicle safety related to the defect or noncompliance as required by 49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury, or fire, and should be provided in an amended Part 573 Recall Report through the NHTSA Recalls Portal.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Reimbursement Plan Not Supplied

Provide a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers, and dealers, in accordance with 49 CFR 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (49 CFR 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the reimbursement section of an amended Part 573 Recall Report through the NHTSA Recalls Portal.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Kumho Tire Co., Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Debora Crews who may be reached by email at debora.crews@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

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