U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report 26T009

Manufacturer Name: Kumho Tire Co., Inc.
Submission Date: Mar 09, 2026
NHTSA Recall No.: 26T009
Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Manufacturer Name: Kumho Tire Co., Inc.
Address: 555 SOCHON-DONG, GWANGSAN-GU GWANGJU-KOREA FS, 506-711

Population

Total number of potentially involved: 11,169
Estimated percentage with defect: 10%

Tire Information

Tire Brand 1: KUMHO
Tire Line: SOLUS TA11
Tire Size: 225/60R16
Production Dates: Jan 21, 2021 - Jan 31, 2023
Number of potentially involved: 11,169

Descriptive Information:

The KUMHO SOLUS TA11 tires, size 225/60R16 produced at Kumho Tire Co., Inc. (“KTCI”)’s plant, located in Gwangju, Republic of Korea, between the 4th week of 2021 and the 5th week of 2023 (“subject tires”) are subject to this voluntary recall.

After receiving information from NHTSA in its letter dated January 7, 2026, regarding potentially noncompliant tires, KTCI immediately implemented an action plan and conducted an internal investigation into the potential noncompliance with FMVSS No. 139 pertaining to all sizes of the KUMHO SOLUS TA11 tires. On February 27, 2026, based on its diligent search and investigation, KTCI determined that KUMHO SOLUS TA11 tires, size 225/60R16, manufactured at the subject plant between January 21, 2021 and January 31, 2023, may not fully comply with FMVSS No. 139. Production of the subject tires at the subject plant was discontinued as of January 31, 2023.

Tire Identification Number (TIN)

Plant ID Code	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
H2	UC	YA8U	0421	0523

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Two of the subject tires tested by NHTSA at a contracted test laboratory were found to be potentially

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noncompliant with the requirements set forth in FMVSS No. 139.

FMVSS1: 139 - New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

The noncompliance could potentially result in tread separation during operation under severe conditions, which may lead to tire failure. Specific potential failure modes are unknown, however, it is possible that an affected tire could fail in a manner that may lead to a loss of control that could increase the risk of a crash without warning.

Description of the cause:

The precise reason why the two tires at issue failed remains uncertain. KTCI is not aware of any accidents or injuries related to the subject tires. However, after conducting a diligent review and investigation, KTCI has determined that a portion of the subject tires may not comply with FMVSS No. 139, potentially as a result of performance degradation over time depending on storage conditions. Accordingly, out of an abundance of caution, KTCI is conducting this voluntary recall to mitigate any potential safety risks to consumers.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

The subject tires may exhibit localized tread wear, vibration, noise, and/or bulging in the tread area.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:
Supplier Type:
Name:
Address:
Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Tire
Component Description: Tire
Component Part Number: 225/60R16

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:

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Name:

Address:

Country:

Chronology

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Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Reimburse, Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

The importer of the subject tires was Kumho Tire U.S.A., Inc. (“KTUSA”). KTUSA sold the subject tires to its wholesalers and dealers only, and not to any end users. KTUSA will contact its wholesalers and dealers and request that they review their sales records to identify end consumers who purchased the subject tires. KTUSA will request that the wholesalers and dealers provide KTUSA with the relevant consumer information, after which KTUSA will notify those end consumers and provide a free remedy. Specifically, KTUSA will provide, free of charge, replacement of the affected tires with reasonably similar tires that comply with FMVSS No. 139, or, alternatively, a full refund of the original purchase price.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

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Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:
If a consumer has already replaced a tire included in this recall program and is seeking reimbursement for any out-of-pocket costs incurred due to this matter, the consumer may contact KTUSA's Product/Quality Assurance Department at 1800-455-8646 (Option 2) for assistance.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Kumho Tire is working on a recall schedule.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Mar 09, 2026 - Mar 23, 2026

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: May 03, 2026

☐ No Dealers

☐ No Owners

☐ Phased Recall