U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report 26T015

**Manufacturer Name:** Foreign Tire Sales, Inc.
**Submission Date:** Nov 04, 2026
**NHTSA Recall No.:** 26T015
**Manufacturer Recall No.:** N/A

## Manufacturer Information

**Manufacturer Name:** Foreign Tire Sales, Inc.
**Address:** 2204 Morris Avenue
Union NJ, 07083

## Population

**Total number of potentially involved:** 84
**Estimated percentage with defect:** 75%

## Tire Information

**Tire Brand 1:** Otani
**Tire Line:** WM1000
**Tire Size:** 235/65R-16(C)
**Production Dates:** May 12, 2025 - May 11, 2026
**Number of potentially involved:** 84

**Descriptive Information:**
The tires initially passed the FMVSS No. 571.139 Endurance Test on February 6, 2022 conducted by the manufacturer. Per Foreign Tire Sales, Inc protocol, random tires were tested at Smithers Scientific. The FTS requires an extended endurance test where the load is increased incrementally until failure. The tire failed the test. The manufacturer then retested the tire per FMVSS 139 and two out of three tires failed to meet FMVSS 139 standards.

**Tire Identification Number (TIN)**

| Plant ID Code | Size Code | Optional Code | Begin M Code | End M Code |
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| 1E6 | J1 | | 2025 | 1926 |

## Defect / Noncompliance Description

**Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

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**FMVSS1:**

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**FMVSS2:**

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

Potential tread separation and vehicle loss of control which could result in a crash and injury

**Description of the cause:**

Design deficiency-Undertread is too heavy causing excess heat build up and tread distortion

**Identification of any warning that can occur:**

Abnormal road noise

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:**

**Supplier Type:** Other

**Name:** Foreign Tire Sales, Inc

**Address:** 2444 Morris Ave
Ste 206
Union NJ, 07083

**Country:** United States

**Tier of Supplier:** Tier 1

**Supplier Type:** Other

**Name:** Otani Radial Tire Co., LTD

**Address:** 96 MU3 Rimklongbanpah Rd, Bangkaew
Nakhon Chai SI
Nakhon Pathaom Foreign States

**Country:** Thailand

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Tire

**Component Description:** tire

**Component Part Number:** WM 1000

## Purchaser Information

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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:** Foreign Tire Sales, Inc (importer)

**Address:** 2444 Morris Ave
Ste 206
Union NJ, 07083

**Country:** United States

## Chronology

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| 1 9/8/2026 | **Earliest date of manufacture** of potentially noncompliant tires within the affected DOT TIN range. Production at Otani Radial Tire Co. began for the subject Otani LM1000 size 235/65R-16(C). DOT Date Code: 2025 |
| 2 9/8/2026 | **First internal quality signal / complaint / field report received.** Tires randomly tested at FTS direction at Smither's Scientific identified tires that failed FTS enhanced Section 139 test. Retesting by manufacturer revealed 2 of 3 tires failed the test. No accidents reported. No adjustment claims or other claims received |
| 3 9/8/2026 | **Internal investigation initiated.** Laboratory tests results received |
| 4 9/8/2026 | **Noncompliance confirmed through testing** See 1 and 2 above |
| 5 9/24/2026 | **Decision made to conduct voluntary recall / noncompliance determination.** Senior management and legal/regulatory counsel determined that the testing results confirm a noncompliance under 49 CFR Part 573 and authorized submission of this report and initiation of owner notification. |
| 6 **September 28, 2026** | **NHTSA notified — this report date.** Initial Section 573 Noncompliance Information Report filed with the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, NHTSA, via the NHTSA Recall Management System (RMS) and/or written submission. |
| 7 **DATE — within 60 days of September 28, 2026; no later than November 29, 2026]** | **Owner notification letters to be mailed** FTS does not have the names or addresses of the purchasers of approximately 84 tires which were sold to consumers. FTS will inquire of its customers to see if the identities of purchasers can be obtained. All customers of FTS have been notified to not sell all existing inventory. The FTS customers will destroy the non-conforming tires and provide proof of same to FTS |
| 8 Immediately | **Remedy available at authorized service locations.** Replacement tires and/or remedy parts to be available at all authorized dealers, distributors, and retail outlets. As dealers identify purchasers of the non-conforming tires, FTS will replace same at no cost to the purchasers.<br><br>Only two FTs customers have received the non-compliant tires. They have been notified to remove all existing stock and render the tires unusable. FTS will work with the two customers to obtain the identities of their customers for notification purposes. |

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**Related NHTSA Recall Number:** NA

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Reimburse

**Consumer Advisories:** ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

**Description of remedy program:**

Remedy Type Free replacement of non-conforming tire with conforming tire
Remedy Description Purchasers of the non-conforming tires may bring the tire(s) back to where they purchased them. Replacement tires will be provided. If the purchaser had the non-conforming tire(s) installed and balanced, FTS will pay for installation and balancing on the replacement tires.
Replacement Tires Available as of To be determined
Reimbursement Policy Consumers who paid out-of-pocket for replacement of a recalled tire prior to the date of the recall announcement may submit a reimbursement claim to FTS by completing a Reimbursement Request Form which will be available at WWW.Foreigntire.com and submitting it with original receipts. Reimbursement is limited to the actual documented cost of the replacement tire and mounting/balancing, up to $200.00 per tire."

**How remedy component differs from recalled component:**

All non-conforming tires which have not been sold to consumers have been or will be rendered unusable by the distributor(s) (2 total). The 84 tires sold to consumers will be handled per remedy program

**Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:**

Redesign of undertread

## Reimbursement Plan

## Recall Schedule

**Description of recall schedule:**

Upon approval of this report, notification letters will be sent to the 80 identified purchasers of the tires with the specifics of the recall. The two Foreign Tire Sales,Inc customers (resellers) have been notified of the recall and have advised that non-conforming tires in stock have been or will be rendered unusable.

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**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Nov 02, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** Nov 02, 2026 - Nov 27, 2026 ☐ No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Nov 02, 2026 - Feb 01, 2027 ☐ Phased Recall