

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

July 7, 2014

Mr. Zak Ghazal Logistics Manager American Pacific Industries, Inc. 27413 Tourney Road, Suite 200 Valencia, CA 20097

Subject: Tires may Fail

Dear Mr. Ghazal:

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

14T-005

NVS-215KS

This letter serves to acknowledge American Pacific Industries, 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.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

API/GLADIATOR/P215/70R16

API/GLADIATOR/P225/65R17

API/GLADIATOR/P225/70R16

API/GLADIATOR/P235/65R17

API/GLADIATOR/P235/70R16

API/GLADIATOR/P245/65R17

API/GLADIATOR/P245/70R16

API/GLADIATOR/P245/70R17

API/GLADIATOR/P255/70R16

API/GLADIATOR/P265/65R17

API/GLADIATOR/P265/70R16

API/GLADIATOR/P265/70R17

API/GLADIATOR/ST175/80R13 API/GLADIATOR/ST205/75R14

AF1/GLADIA10K/31203/73K14

API/GLADIATOR/ST205/75R15

API/GLADIATOR/ST225/75R15

API/GLADIATOR/ST235/80R16

API/GLADIATOR/ST235/85R16

Mfr's Report Date: June 5, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14T-005

Components:

TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 761

Problem Description:

American Pacific Industries, Inc. (API) is recalling certain Gladiator brand truck and trailer tires of various sizes. These tires did not pass quality control and are deemed to be unsafe for road service.



Consequence:

The subject tires can fail unexpectedly, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

The defective tires have been captured and quarantined at the border and will be destroyed. Customers may contact API at 1-661-702-8801. Since all of the affected tires have been recovered, an owner notification letter will not be issued.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

Please provide the agency with one quarterly recall completion status report.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

