

(For reference)
Voluntary Recall of Light Truck Replacement Tires for the Overseas Market

Toyo Tire & Rubber Co., Ltd. (Takuji Yamamoto, president) announced that it will conduct a voluntary tire recall due to the possibility of a defect in some light truck replacement tires for the overseas market that were shipped mainly to North America.

The tires that will be subject to the recall are as follows.

Recalled products

Brand/model: TOYO OPEN COUNTRY H/T TUFF DUTY

Size: 7 sizes

LT235/85 R16 120Q, LT245/75 R16 120R, LT265/75 R16 123Q,
LT265/70 R17 121R, LT225/75 R17 116Q, LT235/80 R17 120R,
LT285/75 R16 126Q

Brand/model: NITTO DURA GRAPPLER HIGHWAY TERRAIN DURA-BELT

Size: 4 sizes

LT245/75 R17 121Q, LT265/70 R17 121Q, LT265/75 R16 123Q,
LT275/65R18 123Q

Total number of recalled tires: 191,492

Manufacturing plants: the company's Japanese plants (Sendai Plant and Kuwana Plant)

Affected markets: North America, Central & South America, other

(there were no shipments to the Japanese market.)

In a small number of these recall tires, production variances in the belt package during the relevant production periods may have created conditions that may put undue stress on the belt edge. If undetected, this condition may potentially contribute to a tread/belt separation and/or loss of inflation pressure, which may increase the risk of tire failure and a vehicle crash.

In the U.S. and Canada, the recall will be conducted by U.S. sales subsidiaries Toyo Tire U.S.A. Corp. and Nitto Tire U.S.A Inc. and Canadian tire sales subsidiaries Toyo Tire Canada Inc. and Nitto Tire Canada Inc., and through the company's local distributors in other countries. Tires purchased by dealers and customers will be replaced at no charge.

For detailed announcements regarding this recall, please click on the following website links.

TOYO TIRES: <http://www.toyotires.com/recall-campaign>

NITTO: <http://www.nittotire.com/recall-campaign>

The recalled tire products have not been shipped to the Japanese market.

The impact of this incident on the company's earnings will be minimal.

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