

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

January 31, 2014

Mr. Gary Graham Lionshead Specialty Tire & Wheel LLC 827 E Lincoln Avenue Goshen, IN 46528 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NVS-215KS 14T-001

Subject: Tire Failure/Unseating/FMVSS 119

Dear Mr. Graham:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lionshead Specialty Tire & Wheel LLC'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:

VAIL SPORT/ST LH99/225/75D15

Mfr's Report Date: January 21, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14T-001

**Components:** 

**TIRES** 

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,440

# **Problem Description:**

Double Camel in cooperation with Lionshead Specialty Tire & Wheel LLC (Lionshead) is recalling certain Vail Sport ST LH 99 trailer tires, size 225/75D15, manufactured from July 14, 2013, through July 27, 2013 (sidewall date code 2813 or 2913). The affected tires may fail under prolonged use and may become unseated from the rims. As such, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 119, "New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars."

#### **Consequence:**

Failure or unseating of the tire increases the risk of a crash.

#### Remedy

Lionshead will notify owners, and dealers will replace the tires with compliant ones. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Customers may contact Lionshead at 1-574-295-3939.

## **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.



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 that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six 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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle +Manufacturers.

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

