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National Highway
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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25T015

Manufacturer Name: Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.

Submission Date: Aug 12, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25T015

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.

Address: 6-9,3-Chome,
Wakinohama-Cho, Chuo-Ku
Kobe FS, 651-0072

Total number of potentially involved: 57

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Tire Information

Tire Brand 1: Dunlop

Tire Line: TT93GP PRO MS

Tire Size: 120/80-12 55J

Production Dates: Jan 07, 2025 - Jul 08, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 29

Descriptive Information:

The subject tires were produced in the Izumiotsu factory (1VW) during production weeks 0125 to 2725. A total of 57 units were shipped to the U.S. tire wholesalers, distributors, dealers or end users. The subject tires may have experienced unintended migration of sidewall compound onto the tread surface during extrusion, creating a thin overlay on the tread surface, which was not detectable during the standard vision inspection process at the production factory. The thin overlay may reduce traction during aggressive riding.

Although preliminary sample testing on dry course and wet pavement did not indicate measurable performance degradation in ordinary street-speed riding, and no injuries have been reported to date, SRI is initiating this recall out of an abundance of caution.

Tire Identification Number (TIN)

Plant ID Code	Size Code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
1VW	BW		0125	2725

Tire Brand 2: Dunlop

Tire Line: TT93FGP PRO

Tire Size: 100/90-12 49J

Production Dates: Jan 07, 2025 - Jul 08, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 28

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

During tread extrusion on the affected units, sidewall compound may have unintendedly flowed onto the tread surface, resulting in a thin overlay on the tread surface. The unintended lamina was visually undetectable in the standard post-cure inspection. The thin overlay may reduce traction under aggressive cornering and other high-demand maneuvers, increasing the risk of a motorcycle falling.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

Under aggressive riding, the above-described overlay on the affected units may reduce the traction and grip of the tire and increase the risk of falling.

Description of the cause:

Potentially insufficient welding on the extruder during the replacement of the tip components of the tread extruder may have caused the sidewall compound to flow onto the tread surface during the tire extrusion process, resulting in a thin layer of the rubber covering the tread surface, which was visually undetectable during the standard product inspection.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

After the subject tires are used, there could be a powdery appearance on the tread surface or rubber-like residue when the tread is firmly rubbed with a finger. Additionally, users may perceive reduced grip, particularly during aggressive cornering or high-demand maneuvers, which could serve as a warning of the condition.

Component Manufacturer

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Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Tire

Component Description: Tire

Component Part Number: NR

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:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Chronology

- 7/6/25: Japanese customers reported perceived reduction in traction when using 100/90-12 TT93FGP PRO tires manufactured in Week 16 and Week 20 of 2025.
- 7/10/25: SRI halted production of the affected sizes and froze domestic inventory (last production on 7/8/25; no production on 7/9/25).
- 7/16/25: Overseas inventories (including SRNA) placed on stop-sale/quarantine;
- 7/16/25: Dry-course comparison testing on 100/90-12 TT93FGP PRO and 120/80-12 TT93GP PRO MS was performed, which indicated no abnormal risk of falling under ordinary street-speed operation.
- 7/17/25: Investigation revealed that the welding of one broken hinge on the extruder on 1/6/25 may have been insufficient when tip components on the tread extruder at Izumiotsu Plant were replaced.
- 7/17/25 The extruder in question was corrected and production resumed with enhanced process and quality control.
- 7/25/25: Wet-braking benchmark test showed 100/90-12 TT93FGP PRO achieves 14% shorter breaking distance compared to commercial reference tire, confirming braking performance.

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8/5/25: SRI's Executive Management determined that a safety-related defect exists.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Replace, Disconnect/Disable, Reimburse

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

a. Remedy: Owners will be offered, at no cost:

- Replacement with a non-affected Dunlop TT93 tire of the same specification produced in or after Week 28 of 2025, or
- A full refund of the original purchase price.

b. Reimbursement for Pre-notification Remedies: Because the subject tires remain within the original manufacturer's warranty period, SRI will reimburse owners who, prior to receipt of owner notification, replaced a subject tire due to the described condition. Reimbursement instructions will be included in the owner notification letter.

c. Disposal: Recalled tires collected by dealers will be rendered unserviceable (bead cut) and disposed of in accordance with local environmental regulations.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Remedy tires are produced after correction of the extruder on July 17, 2025, and do not have the unintended overlay of sidewall rubber on the tread surface. The enhanced manufacturing and quality control process was validated to ensure proper separation of tread and sidewall compounds, eliminating the risk of reduced grip associated with the thin overlay present on the affected units.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

On July 17, 2025, the extruder in question was corrected and production resumed with enhanced process and quality control.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

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Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

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Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

SRI intends to conduct dealer and owner notification on the dates indicated. Owner notification may extend beyond the listed dates depending on the timing of receipt of owner information from dealers.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Aug 25, 2025 - Sep 12, 2025 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Sep 15, 2025 - Oct 10, 2025 ☐ Phased Recall