

Recall No. 22T-020

November 9, 2022

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

To: Yokohama Off-Highway Tires America, Inc. Dealer Customers

Subject: Recall of Certain Alliance Brand Tires Made in India - Product Nos. 54300104, 54300010, 31900030 and 31706505 and Primex Brand Tires Made in India Product No. 407366-33

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Yokohama Off-Highway Tires America, Inc. (YOHTA) will initiate a recall of the tires listed below, manufactured in India that do not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 119, regarding manufacturing date code included as the last four digits of the Tire Identification Number (TIN) appearing on the sidewall the tire. The incorrect date code hinders drivers from accurately identifying the age of the tire and makes it difficult to determine if the tire is affected by a safety recall, which can increase the risk of a crash.

We are committed to quality, focused on safety, and want to urge consumers to act promptly to replace these tires.

Through June 30, 2023, YOHTA will coordinate the replacement of these tires sold to customers through local YOHTA dealers at no charge to the customer or to the dealer.

### I. REASON FOR THE RECALL

YOHTA has determined that the date codes included in the TIN on certain tires produced at an affiliated manufacturing facility in India are not compliant with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FVHVSS) No. 119 pertaining to the sidewall markings of restricted highway service tires. Tires subject to this recall are listed in the chart below.

In order to be eligible to participate in this recall process the tire must have all of same five sidewall markings for: i) brand name, ii) tire size, iii) model name, (iv) load range, and v) manufacturing date code (collectively, the “Five Characteristics”) as one of the tires in the chart below.

Description of Tires Subject to this Recall Action

Subject tires must have all Five Characteristics Marked on the Sidewall

|-----Five Characteristics-----|

Brand	Size	Model Name	Load Range	Manufacturing	
				Date Code(s)	Product No.
Alliance	12.5L-15FI	High Speed Rib	Load Range F	5219	54300104
Alliance	11L-15 FI	High Speed Rib	Load Range F	0820 or 2020	54300010
Primex	11-22.5	Highway R-550	Load Range G	0120, 0520 or 2020	407366-33
Alliance	11L-15 FI	Stubble Proof 319 SPH	Load Range F	2020	31900030
Alliance	10.5-20 IMP	317	12PR	2021	31706505

**II. SERVICE ACTION REQUIRED BY AUTHORIZED ALLIANCE DEALERS**

**FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS THE REUSE OR RESALE OF RECALLED TIRES, AND VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO FINES OF \$ 24,423 PER INCIDENT PER DAY WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$122,106,996. ANY REUSE OR RESALE OF A RECALLED TIRE MUST BE REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.**

**A. Check New Unused Inventory**

1. Dealers and Distributors who have been identified by YOHTA as potential purchasers of the subject tires will be sent a letter requesting that they check all tires fitting the above tire descriptions to determine whether a tire they purchased is included in this action.
2. If you have not already done so, check your current NEW tire inventory. If you have tires that meet the above criteria, please contact YOHTA Recall Support Coordinator, Richard Sergi toll free at 844-921-2778 or by email [RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM](mailto:RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM) to request an Return Tire Order (RTO) to have the tires picked up and shipped to YOHTA's warehouse in Savannah, GA. The tires will be picked-up and shipped at no cost to the dealer.

B. Requirement to Render Recall Tires “Unserviceable.”

1. Upon identifying any new unused recall tires in inventory, a dealer must render the recall tires “unserviceable” within 24 hours, per NHTSA regulations, which means the tires are not capable of holding air. Accordingly, dealers are instructed to render the tires “unserviceable” by cutting a radial slice through the sidewall prior to storage and shipping to YOHTA.

2. The dealer will receive a credit for each returned unused recall tire and a \$30 Administration Fee for rendering the recall tire “unserviceable” and coordinating its shipment to YOHTA. The dealer should submit an invoice to YOHTA for the Administrative fees incurred. Credits to the dealer’s account for the returned unused recall tires and for the Administrative Fees will be issued upon receipt by YOHTA of the returned, unserviceable tires at YOHTA’s the Savannah location.

C. Assistance Identifying Owners of Recall Tires

1. YOHTA respectfully requests that dealers and distributors who sold any of the subject tires provide the names and addresses of such purchasers to YOHTA’s Recall Support Coordinator by phone toll free at 844-921-2778 or by email [RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM](mailto:RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM) as quickly as possible. The tire owner contact information provided by dealers will be essential in making sure that important recall notifications are sent to the correct parties on a timely basis. The contact information provided will only be used for recall notification purposes.

2. Owners who have subject tires are instructed to Contact the YOHTA Recall Support Coordinator for assistance in locating a local YOHTA Dealer. Mr. Sergi will contact the local YOHTA dealer to coordinate the shipment of replacement tires, at no cost to the dealer or the owner. The owner will be notified when the tires arrive at the dealer so that the owner can schedule a service visit to remove the recalled tires and have the replacement tires mounted.

**III. PROCEDURE FOR ASSISTING OWNER WITH RECALL TIRES TO BE REMOVED FROM SERVICE AND REPLACED**

A. Identifying Recall Tires

1. When an owner brings a vehicle in for inspection in connection with this campaign, the dealer location must inspect all tires to determine whether the sidewall markings of the tire match all Five Characteristics of one of the tires in the chart above. If a tire has sidewall markings that match the Five Characteristics of one of the tires listed in the chart above, the tire is part of this recall, and it must be replaced immediately.

2. The recalled tires must be replaced with similar tires of comparable value and quality that are appropriate for the vehicle. Please contact YOHTA’s Recall Support

Coordinator to arrange for replacement tires. Do not assume that the recalled tire is the appropriate tire for the vehicle.

B. Removing Recall Tires – Rendering them Unserviceable

All Alliance and Primex tires meeting the Five Characteristics of one of the tires listed in the chart above, that are removed from service for an owner under this program must also be rendered “unserviceable” as described above. Payment for this service is included in the \$30 Administrative fee.

C. Replacing Recall Tires

1. For a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date owners receive notice of the recall, YOHTA will coordinate the replacement of recalled tires sold to owners through local YOHTA dealers at no charge to the owner or dealer.
2. If replacement Alliance or Primex tires will not be available in a timely manner from YOHTA, the dealer should replace the recall tire with another brand of tire that is of comparable quality and price. YOHTA will issue a credit to the dealer equal to the cost of a replacement tire if YOHTA was unable to provide a replacement tire.
3. The dealer will mount the replacement tire(s) and render the removed tire(s) “unserviceable” in the manner described above at no cost to the customer. Please contact Mr. Sergi toll free at 844-921-2778 or by email to [RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM](mailto:RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM) to arrange for pickup of the recalled tires that have been removed from service and rendered unserviceable. YOHTA will pay an Administrative Fee of \$30 per recall tire taken out of service and a Mounting Fee of \$30 for each replacement tire mounted and balanced under this program.

**IV. PROCEDURES FOR DEALERS TO OBTAIN CREDIT TO DEALER ACCOUNT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND MOUNTING FEES**

After removing and replacing a recall tire for an owner, the dealer will send an invoice to [RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM](mailto:RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM) for an Administrative Fee of \$30 for removing each recall tire and rendering it “unserviceable” by cutting a radial slice through the sidewall and a \$30 Mounting Fee for mounting and balancing each replacement tire. The invoice should be clearly marked “Recall.” The dealer should then contact YOHTA Recall Support Coordinator toll free at 844-921-2778 or by email [RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM](mailto:RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM) to arrange for pickup of the recalled, unserviceable tires for shipment to YOHTA’s Savannah warehouse for proper disposal. The dealer will receive a credit in the amount of the

invoice after the recall, “unserviceable” tires have been received at YOHTA’s Savannah warehouse.

#### **V. SIDEWALL MARKING EXAMPLES FOR IDENTIFYING RECALL TIRES**

For your assistance in identifying the tires that are subject to this campaign, we have attached a tire sidewall drawing for each of the subject tires listed in the chart above. Each sidewall drawing shows the Five Characteristics: i) brand name ii) tire size, iii) model name, iv) load range and v) manufacturing date code. In order for a tire to be subject to replacement under this program, the tire must have sidewall markings that match all Five Characteristics of one of the tires in the chart above.

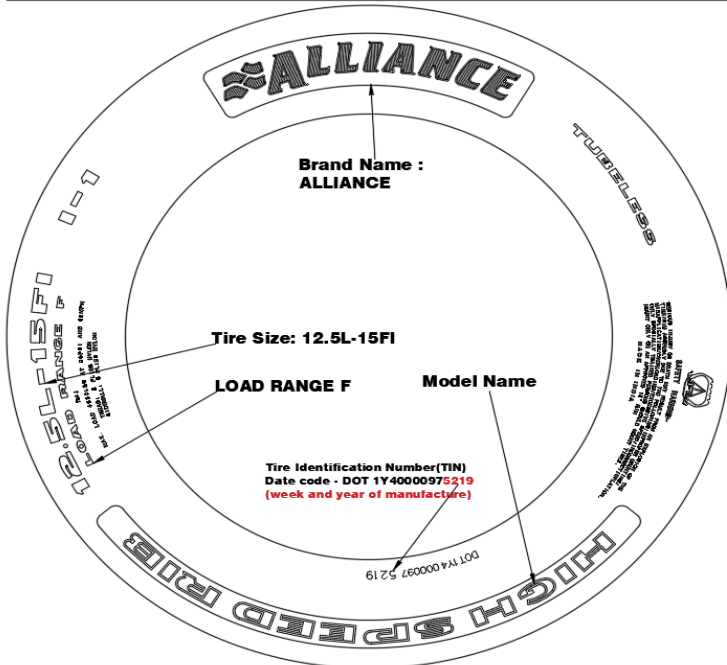
If you have further questions regarding this recall process, please contact the YOHTA Recall Support Coordinator, Mr. Richard Sergi toll free at 844-921-2778 or by email to [RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM](mailto:RECALL@YOKOHAMA-OHT.COM) or contact the undersigned.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance,

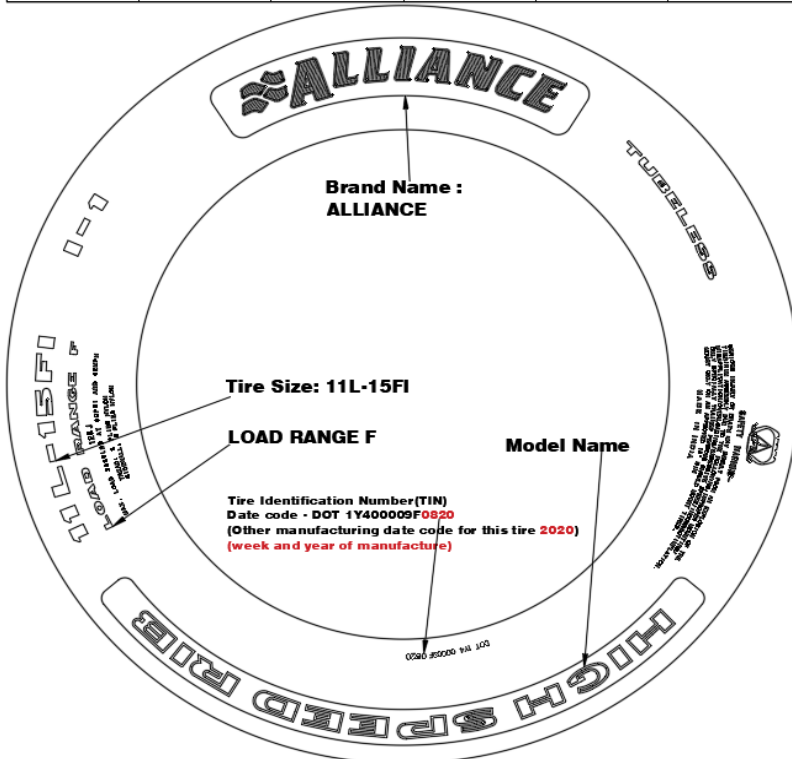
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### Tire Sidewall Drawings of Subject Tires – Recall No. 22T-020

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ALLIANCE	12.5L-15FI	High Speed Rib	Load Range F	5219	54300104

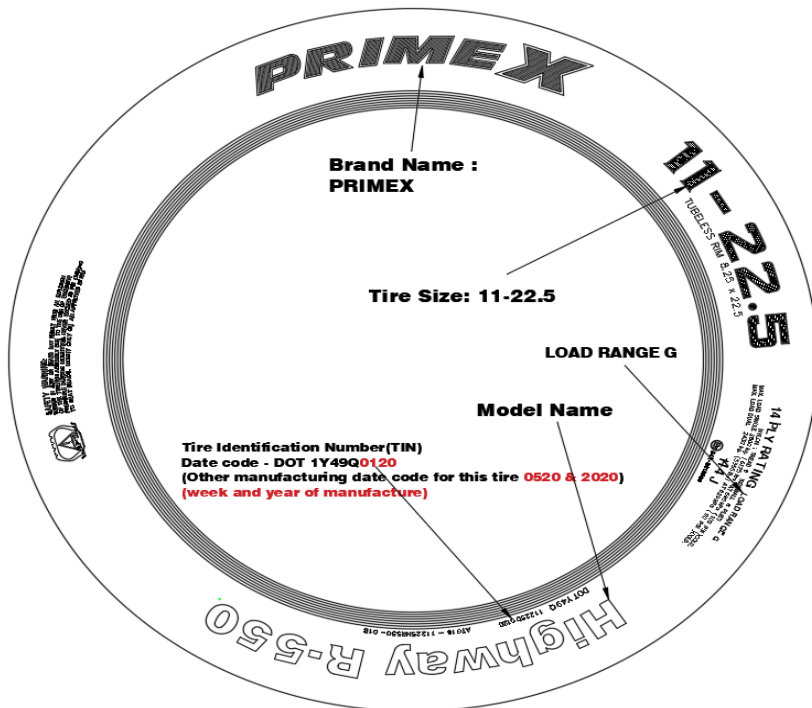


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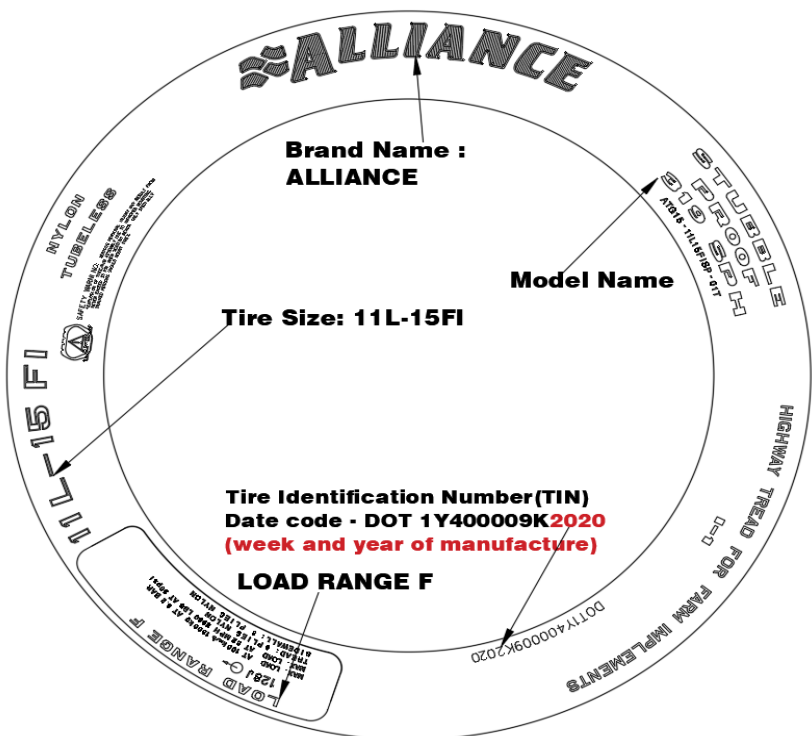


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Brand	Size	Model Name	Load Range	Manufacturing Date Code	Product No.
PRIMEX	11-22.5	Highway R-550	Load Range G	0120,0520 or 2020	407366



Brand	Size	Model Name	Load Range	Manufacturing Date Code	Product No.
ALLIANCE	11L-15FI	319	Load Range F	2020	31900030



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Brand	Size	Model Name	Ply Rating	Manufacturing Date Code	Product No.
ALLIANCE	10.5-20IMP	317	12PR NYLON	2021	31706505

