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MEDIA STATEMENT RE:
VOLUNTARY RECALL OF VALVES MANUFACTURED BY TOP SEAL,
SHANGHAI AUTO
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MEDIA STATEMENT RE: Top Seal - MANUFACTURED VALVE RECALL

Tech International is a manufacturer of tire repairs as well as a wholesale distributor of tire related products and committed to providing all its customers with outstanding service. Upon receiving reports about potentially faulty tire snap in valves manufactured by Top Seal, China, we voluntarily notified the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a potential safety issue involving the valves. We then immediately issued a recall of the products, and offered replacement of defective valves as well as payment for any tire damage caused by these parts.

If you are a consumer and concerned about this issue, please contact the tire retailer where the valves were installed or call Bill Johnson or Clay Johnson at (740) 967-9015. We have established a system to help our tire retailer customers replace the valves based on a range of lot numbers identified by the manufacturer.

We are committed to working with our customer network until this issue has been resolved.

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