



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 5, 2012

MR. JAY McCracken
Assistant Secretary
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company
701 Lima Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840

NVS-215kjs
12T-008

Subject: MISLABELED LOAD RANGE/FMVSS 139

Dear MR. McCracken:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cooper Tire & Rubber Company's (Cooper) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles," for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the tires 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:

COOPER/DISCOVERER H/T/LT245/75R16

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12T-008

Mfg's Report Date: April 3, 2012

Components: TIRES:MARKINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,084

Summary:

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY (COOPER) IS RECALLING CERTAIN DISCOVERER H/T TIRES, SIZE LT245/75R16, MANUFACTURED FROM FEBRUARY 12, 2012, THROUGH MARCH 10, 2012. SOME OF THE SUBJECT TIRES MAY HAVE BEEN PRODUCED WITH AN INCORRECT LOAD RANGE, MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE INFLATION PRESSURE, AND MAXIMUM LOAD MOLDED ONTO THE INTENDED INNER SIDEWALL. THEREFORE, THE AFFECTED TIRES FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 139, "NEW PNEUMATIC RADIAL TIRES FOR LIGHT VEHICLES."

Consequence:

INACCURATE TIRE LABELING MAY LEAD TO THE TIRE BEING OVER-LOADED AND/OR UNDER-INFLATED, INCREASING THE RISK OF A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

COOPER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE NONCOMPLIANT TIRES FREE OF CHARGE. FREE MOUNTING AND BALANCING WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED, AS APPLICABLE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 11, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY'S CONSUMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AT 1-800-854-6288.

Notes:

COOPER'S RECALL NUMBER IS 155. OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be aware of the following information:

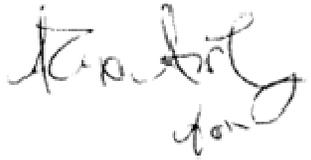
We have received Cooper's proposed notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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).

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.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement