



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

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June 13, 2012

MR. JAY McCRACKEN
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY
701 LIMA AVENUE
FINDLAY, OH 45840

NVS-215kjs
12T-010

Subject: TREAD SEPARATION

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 safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the products 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/P265/70R17
COOPER/DISCOVERER H/T/LT235/85R16
COOPER/DISCOVERER LSX/265/70R17
COOPER/MASTERCRAFT COURSER HTR/LT235/85R16
DEL-NAT/DELTA A/S SIERRADIAL/265/70R17
DEL-NAT/NATIONAL A/S COMMANDO/265/70R17
PEP BOYS/DEFINITY DAKOTA H/T/P265/70R17
TBC/SIGMA STAMPEDE RADAIL SUV/ P265/70R17

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12T-010

Mfr's Report Date: June 5, 2012

Components: TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10,236

Summary:

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY (COOPER) IS RECALLING CERTAIN COOPER BRAND DISCOVERER H/T TIRES, SIZES LT235/85R16 AND P265/70R17; DISCOVERER LSX, SIZE 265/70R17; AND MASTERCRAFT COURSER HTR, SIZE LT235/85R16. ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS RECALL ARE

TIRES BRANDED AS DELNAT DELTA A/S SIERRADIAL OR NATIONAL A/S COMMANDO, SIZE 265/70R17; PEP BOYS DEFINITY DAKOTA H/T, SIZE P265/70R17; AND TBC SIGMA STAMPEDE RADIAL SUV, SIZE P265/70R17. CONTAMINATED RUBBER MAY HAVE BEEN USED IN THE TREAD COMPOUND WHICH COULD RESULT IN TREAD SEPARATION.

Consequence:

TREAD SEPARATION CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, 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 JUNE 15, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY'S CONSUMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AT 1-800-854-6288.

Notes:

COOPER'S RECALL NUMBER IS 156. 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:

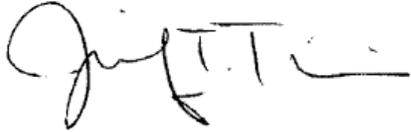
We have received Cooper's proposed notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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 fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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