



NHTSA Recall Number 13T-006

July 15, 2013

Subject: VOLUNTARY SAFETY RECALL NOTICE for Associate Dealers

Dear Michelin Dealer,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Michelin North America, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain MICHELIN LTX M/S2, MICHELIN X Radial LT2 and MICHELIN Latitude Tour replacement tires and they are included in a voluntary safety recall.

These tires are typically found on vehicles such as light trucks and SUVs.

This is a voluntary safety recall of approximately 100,000 tires in order to retrieve an estimated 2,500 tires – about 2.5 percent of the recalled population – that could have partial or full sidewall perforations that could cause them to experience loss of air pressure. This condition may increase the risk of tire failure and a vehicle crash.

You are receiving this letter because our records indicate that you may have purchased one or more of the recalled tires.

Further, MAST (Michelin Americas Small Tires) is required to advise you of certain tire dealer obligations, which are detailed on pages 3 & 4 of this notice.

The following list provides the product descriptions, DOT (Department of Transportation) sequence identifiers and DOT production periods of the manufacturing populations which contain the recalled tires. The DOT information is molded to the sidewall of each tire: the DOT sequence number and DOT date code that is a 2-digit week and 2-digit year of production, which are given in the DOT production period information. For example, “4305” refers to the 43rd week of the year 2005. See Appendix A.

Tire Description	MSPN	DOT Sequence	DOT Production Periods (Inclusive)
MICHELIN LTX M/S2 P275/55R20 111T RBL	22093	B99Y56EX	3812 to 2113
MICHELIN LTX M/S2 P265/65R18 112T	02633	B9XP001X	0513 to 2113
MICHELIN LTX M/S2 P265/60R18 109T ORWL	11631	B95E788X	1513 to 2113
MICHELIN X Radial LT2 P265/65R18 112T	00834	B9KA003X	0513 to 2113
MICHELIN X Radial LT2 P275/55R20 111T	02319	B99Y001X	0513 to 2113
MICHELIN Latitude Tour P255/60R19 108S	03835	B9R1W3WX	1913 to 2113
MICHELIN Latitude Tour P255/70R18 112T	01843	B9YU99CX	1313 to 2113

Only tires matching all four elements (Tire Description, MSPN, DOT Sequence and DOT Production Periods) are part of this recall. To determine if you have received tires that are included in this recall, please check the DOT information found on the sidewall of the tire as explained in Appendix A.

Provide Consumer Care the List of Tire Owners

As a result of this safety recall, you are required to take the following Dealer action to immediately provide Michelin Consumer Care with a list of Tire Owners to whom you sold the tires that have been recalled.

Please send the following information:

Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone Number, MSPN, Quantity, and Date of Mounting/Sale.

Michelin Consumer Care will contact known Tire Owners by letter to notify them of this safety recall and the replacement process.

Please send the Consumer Information form to:

Email to: michelin@crdhna.com (Preferred Method)

Or Fax to: 864-458-6650 Attention: Tire Safety Recall

Or Mail to:

Michelin North America
Attention: Consumer Care Dept.
One Parkway South
Greenville, SC 29615

Returning Inventory (New/Never Mounted) Recalled Tires

As a result of this safety recall, you are required to take the following Dealer actions to return to Michelin any inventory of the recalled tires:

1. Check your inventory for the specific DOT identification numbers affected. Immediately stop the sale, and/or mounting of these tires. **Michelin will handle the disabling of the tires.**
2. Immediately count your inventory of affected tires and record specific DOT identification numbers. Provide this information to your MAST Primary Servicing Distributor for Alliance Associate Dealers or the MAST Authorized Distributor from whom you purchased the tires for return authorization and instructions.
3. Return all recalled tires from your inventory to your MAST Primary Servicing Distributor as soon as possible. You will be compensated by your MAST Primary Servicing Distributor for all recalled (new) tires that you return from inventory.

Replacement of Mounted Recalled Tires

Tire Owners may contact you to inspect their tires and, if required, replace them without charge. When this occurs:

1. Before dismounting, validate the tires are part of this safety recall. **Only tires matching all four elements (Tire Description, MSPN, DOT Sequence and DOT Production Periods) are part of this recall.**
2. Ensure that you have the correct replacement tires in inventory. A list of MAST appropriate replacement tires is attached in Appendix C.
3. Replace the recalled tires with new tires, follow current MAST warranty procedure using the Warranty Claim form indicating Claim Type 1. See Warranty Checklist -Appendix B.
 - a. All safety recall replacement tires and services must be at no charge to the consumer (including mounting and balancing), regardless of remaining tread depth.
 - b. The MAST Alliance Distributor's account will be credited the acquisition price of the replacement tire, a service allowance (\$8 per tire) and a mounting and balancing allowance (\$8 per tire). **Michelin will handle the disabling of the tires.**
 - c. Place "**TCAR Recall**" on the Reason for Removal line of the Warranty Claim form.
 - d. Must enter 0% and \$0 consumer charge on the warranty claim form.
 - e. If an approved MAST replacement tire is not available, call Michelin Consumer Care (855-851-4951) This situation may require the warranty claim to be processed as Claim Type 7 with a Michelin Consumer Care Authorization Code in order to ensure proper credit will be issued.
4. Contact your MAST Primary Servicing Distributor for return authorization and instructions. Your MAST Alliance Distributor's policy regarding warranty reimbursement will apply.

IMPORTANT – Disposition of Safety Recall Tires

MAST is required to advise you of the following information and tire dealer obligations:

1. It is a violation of Federal law to knowingly sell or lease a tire which is defective.

If a dealer knowingly sells or leases new or used defective tires; that such a sale must be reported to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to

www.safercar.gov within five working days of such a release in a report containing the following information:

- i) a statement that the report is being submitted pursuant to 49 CFR 573.10(a);
 - ii) the name, address and phone number of the person who purchased or leased the tire;
 - iii) the name of the manufacturer of the tire;
 - iv) the tire's brand name, model name, and size;
 - v) the tire DOT identification number;
 - vi) the date of the sale or lease; and
 - vii) The name, address, and telephone number of the seller or lessor.
2. Under Federal law, MAST is required to report (by dealer name and address) any known instances of its dealers selling or leasing new or used defective tires.
 3. On a monthly basis, dealers must report to MAST the number of defective tires disposed of in violation of these instructions or in violation of any of applicable state and local laws or regulations. The report must include a description of any such failure to act in accordance with MAST's disposal plan.

These notifications and instructions must be communicated to all employees of this dealership who are involved in the inspection and removal of recalled tires.

The recalled tires must be returned for the credit to be processed. If you have any additional questions, please contact your MAST Primary Servicing Distributor.

Commitment to safety, quality and respect for the customer are our highest priorities. Please accept our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience that replacing these tires may cause. Thank you for your support in helping us to implement a successful safety recall.

Sincerely,



Marc Pasquet
Vice President, Sales
Michelin Americas Small Tires

Appendix A:

READING DOT MARKINGS

DOT markings serve as the tire's fingerprint and signify compliance with U.S. Department of Transportation Minimum Performance Standards. The DOT markings can be found on the sidewall right above the bead.

To find out if a tire is affected by the recall:

1. Determine if the tire is one of the following products:

Tire Description	MSPN	DOT Sequence	DOT Production Periods (Inclusive)
MICHELIN LTX M/S2 P275/55R20 111T RBL	22093	B99Y56EX	3812 to 2113
MICHELIN LTX M/S2 P265/65R18 112T	02633	B9XP001X	0513 to 2113
MICHELIN LTX M/S2 P265/60R18 109T ORWL	11631	B95E788X	1513 to 2113
MICHELIN X Radial LT2 P265/65R18 112T	00834	B9KA003X	0513 to 2113
MICHELIN X Radial LT2 P275/55R20 111T	02319	B99Y001X	0513 to 2113
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MICHELIN Latitude Tour P255/70R18 112T	01843	B9YU99CX	1313 to 2113

2. If it is not one of the products noted above, the tire is not part of this recall. If it is one of these products, check the DOT sequence to determine if the tire is affected by the recall. Only tires matching all four elements (Tire Description, MSPN, DOT Sequence and DOT Production Periods) are part of this recall.
3. The following illustration shows an example of how to identify the DOT sequence for all affected tires noted above. If you have any questions concerning the tire's DOT identification numbers, please contact Michelin Consumer Care at 855-851-4951.

SAMPLE FOR READING DOT

MICHELIN LTX M/S2 P275/55R20 111T RBL MSPN 29903

DOT Sequence in this example begins with B9

Week/Year 3812 to 2113



Appendix B:

Follow the warranty checklist below in order to process consumer mounted safety recall returns.

Warranty Checklist

1. Each tire must have a label that matches the claim form on which it is listed.
2. Complete all the required blue sections on Warranty Claim Form (See Figure 1 on Page 7)
3. One warranty claim form per consumer.
4. Submit as **Claim Type 1** – No Authorization Code Required. See Figure 1 Field (15)
5. Indicate 0% charge and \$0 charge to the consumer. See Figure 1 Fields (20) & (21)
6. Place “**TCAR Recall**” on the Reason for Removal line of the Warranty Claim Form. See Figure 1 Field (22)
7. Tires should be returned immediately. Contact your MAST Primary Servicing Distributor for return authorization and instructions.
8. Dealer and Consumer must sign each warranty claim form.
9. **If approved MAST replacement tires are not available**, call Michelin Consumer Care (855-851-4951) to process warranty claim form. This situation may require the warranty claim to be processed as Claim Type 7 with Michelin Consumer Care Authorization Code to ensure proper credit will be issued.

Figure 1.



FILL OUT COMPLETELY
AREAS SHADED IN BLUE ARE REQUIRED FIELDS

Michelin North America, Inc.

BAR CODE AREA

XXXXXXXXXX

PASSENGER & LIGHT TRUCK TIRE LIMITED WARRANTY CLAIM FORM

1

DATE OF CLAIM		
MONTH	DAY	YEAR

OWNER INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATION

NAME OF OWNER (2)

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER
 HOME () WORK ()

E-MAIL

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the foregoing statements are correct, that I am the owner of the product(s) presented for claim and that the product(s) described was (were) not involved in any accident, personal injury, consequential damage or other loss. I accept this adjustment in lieu of all further claims. I understand that the product(s) returned for replacement become the property of Michelin North America.

I further certify that the condition of the product(s) for which this claim is submitted is not covered by any other mileage, road hazard, or other warranty or protection plan purchased from or provided by the selling Dealer at the time of, or subsequent to, original purchase.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE DATE

X

VEHICLE INFORMATION

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SPLIT PLATE
3			

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number)

4

NEW TIRE INFORMATION		MSPN OF NEW TIRE
SIZES (5)	DESCRIPTION	6
		7

REMOVED TIRE INFORMATION

Tires Originally Obtained: (8) <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT	DATE OF PURCHASE (9)	REMOVED TIRE MILEAGE For Mileage Warranty: (10)
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RETAIL INVOICE NUMBER OR WORK ORDER NUMBER (11)

DEALER INFORMATION

DIRECT DEALER BRANCH (12)	MNA SHIP TO NUMBER	ASSOCIATE DEALER NAME (13)	HQ AAN	SERVICING TIRE RETAILER NAME (14)

STREET ADDRESS CITY/STATE/ZIP

WARRANTY RETURN INFORMATION

TYPE OF CLAIM: 1 WORKMANSHIP/MATERIAL, 2 MNA MILEAGE WARRANTY, 5 OTHER, 6 * RIDE / VIBRATION, 7 * MNA CONSUMER CARE, 8 * MICHELIN 30-DAY SATISFACTION GUARANTEE (23)

* See "Authorization Requirements" on back of form.

LINE #	DOT NUMBER(S) OF TIRE(S) REMOVED (16)	MSPN OF TIRE(S) BEING RETURNED (17)	REASON FOR REMOVAL (18)	THREAD DEPTH (19)	% CHARGE (20)	\$ CHARGE (21)	REASON(S) FOR REMOVAL / RETURN (22)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

DEALER CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the foregoing statements are correct.

I further certify that the condition of the product(s) for which this claim is submitted is not covered by any other mileage, road hazard, or other warranty or protection plan purchased from or provided by the selling Dealer at the time of, or subsequent to, original purchase. I further understand that should Michelin North America learn of any other warranty or protection plan being applicable, it will, at its sole discretion, reject this claim or charge back any and all credits resulting from the processing of this claim.

DEALER'S SIGNATURE (24) DATE

PROCESSING AUTHORIZATION

The insertion of an authorization code received from MNA, is for the sole purpose of authorizing the processing of this claim. It is not a certification or verification of the claim's validity. Should subsequent verification of the information contained herein indicate that any information is fraudulent or incorrect, MNA will, at its sole discretion, reverse any credits resulting from the submission of this claim and take any other remedial action it deems appropriate.

AUTHORIZATION CODE (25) DATE

Shipping Instructions for Mounted Recalled Tires

Follow the current MAST warranty tire return procedure:

1. Contact your MAST Primary Servicing Distributor for return instructions.
2. Claim forms must accompany any tires returned by the owner.
3. Credit cannot be properly processed if paperwork does not accompany the load.

Appendix C:

Appropriate MAST Product Replacement List:

Recommended Replacements

The following chart is a guide to assist you in selecting a proper replacement tire **only** if the yellow highlighted original replacement tires are not available in your inventory or for timely delivery. Each of the options noted below is of equal size and has equal or higher service description.

MSPN	MSPN Description	Alternative MSPNs	Description	Alternative MSPN Brand
00834	P265/65R18 112T XRADLT2 MI	00834	P265/65R18 112T X-Radial LT2 BSW	MICHELIN
		02633	P265/65R18 112T LTX M/S2 BSW	MICHELIN
		25125	P265/65R18 112T Rugged Terrain T/A ORWL	BFGOODRICH
		02625	LT265/65R18 LRE All-Terrain T/A ko RWL	BFGOODRICH
02633	P265/65R18 112T TL LTX M/S 2 M	02633	P265/65R18 112T LTX M/S2 BSW	MICHELIN
		25125	P265/65R18 112T Rugged Terrain T/A ORWL	BFGOODRICH
		02625	LT265/65R18 LRE All-Terrain T/A ko RWL	BFGOODRICH
02319	P275/55R20 111T XRADLT2	02319	P275/55R20 111T X-Radial LT2 BSW	MICHELIN
		22093	P275/55R20 111T LTX M/S2 BSW	MICHELIN
		28341	P275/55R20 111T Rugged Terrain T/A BSW	BFGOODRICH
		28531	P275/55R20 111T Long Trail Tour BSW	BFGOODRICH
22093	P275/55R20 111T LTX M/S 2 RBL	22093	P275/55R20 111T LTX M/S2 BSW	MICHELIN
		28341	P275/55R20 111T Rugged Terrain T/A BSW	BFGOODRICH
		28531	P275/55R20 111T Long Trail Tour BSW	BFGOODRICH
03835	P255/60R19 LATITUDE TR 108S	03835	P255/60R19 108S Latitude Tour (T) BSW	MICHELIN
11631	P265/60R18 109T LTX M/S 2 ORWL	11631	P265/60R18 109T LTX M/S2 ORWL	MICHELIN
		15891	P265/60R18 109T Latitude Tour (T) BSW	MICHELIN
		54016	P265/60R18 109T LTX A/S ORWL	MICHELIN
		16109	P265/60R18 109T LTX A/T2 ORWL	MICHELIN
		02770	P265/60R18 109T Rugged Terrain T/A BSW	BFGOODRICH
		91173	P265/60R18 109T Long Trail T/A ORWL	BFGOODRICH
		27971	P265/60R18 109T Long Trail T/A BSW	BFGOODRICH
01843	P255/70R18 112T LAT TRG	01843	P255/70R18 112T Latitude Tour (T) BSW	MICHELIN
		64360	P255/70R18 112T LTX A/S BSW	MICHELIN
		27025	P255/70R18 112T Rugged Terrain T/A ORWL	BFGOODRICH