



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

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Mr. David Archual
Manager: Compliance Quality Assurance
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC
535 Marriot Drive
Nashville, TN 37214

NVS-215KS
13T-011

Subject: Tires May Lose Pressure

Dear Mr. Archual:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

BRIDGESTONE/H300/315/80R22.5

Mfr's Report Date: November 13, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13T-011

Components:

TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 36

Problem Description:

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC (Bridgestone) is recalling certain H300 315/80R22.5 18 ply tires manufactured January 2012 through August 2013. The affected tires may lose pressure from a crack at the inner liner splice. Such a crack could penetrate into the sidewall, resulting in a bulge on the sidewall.

Consequence:

A sidewall bulge may result in a tire deflation and subsequent tire failure which increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Bridgestone will notify owners and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 2013. Owners may contact Bridgestone at 1-617-633-3026.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

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 Investigations
Enforcement