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Administration**

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NVS-215SM  
14T-009

**Subject:** Tread And Belt Separation

Dear Harald Morgenstern:

This letter serves to acknowledge Continental Tire the Americas, 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:**

CONTINENTAL/TL CONTIATTACK SM/120/70R17 M/C 58H  
CONTINENTAL/TL CONTIRACEATTACK COMP. ENDURANCE/120/70ZR17 M/C 58W  
CONTINENTAL/TL CONTIRACEATTACK COMP. MEDIUM/120/70ZR17 M/C 58W  
CONTINENTAL/TL CONTIRACEATTACK COMP. SOFT/120/70ZR17 M/C 58W  
CONTINENTAL/TL CONTIROADATTACK 2 GTW/120/70ZR17 M/C (58W)  
CONTINENTAL/TL CONTISPORTATTACK/120/70ZR17 M/C (58W)  
CONTINENTAL/TL CONTISPORTATTACK 2/120/70ZR17 M/C (58W)

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 8, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14T-009

**Components:**

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 8,070

**Problem Description:**

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (Continental) is recalling certain TL ContiAttack SM, TL ContiSportAttack, TL ContiSportAttack2, TL ContiRaceAttack Comp. Soft, TL ContiRaceAttack Comp. Medium, TL ContiRaceAttack Comp. Endurance, and TL ContiRoadAttack 2 GTW motorcycle tires, in sizes 120/70ZR17 and 120/70R17. For a complete list of affected tire identification numbers and affected dates of production please see the "Defect Notice (Part 573)" in the Associated Documents area. The subject tires may experience a separation between the tread, belt, and carcass resulting in a loss of tire inflation pressure.

**Consequence:**

A loss of tire inflation could increase the risk of a motorcycle crash.

**Remedy:**

Continental will notify owners, and dealers will replace the subject tires with new tires, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Continental customer service at 1-800-847-3349.



**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at [sarah.mcshane@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.mcshane@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement