



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. John Emerson
Michelin North America, Inc.
515 Michelin Road
Greenville, SC 29605

NVS-215KS
15T-016

Subject: Rapid Air Loss Due to Bead Area Sidewall Rupture

Dear Mr. Emerson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Michelin North America, Inc.'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:

BF GOODRICH/COMMERCIAL T/A A/S/LT275/70R18 125/122Q LRE
BF GOODRICH/COMMERCIAL T/A A/S 2/LT235/80R17 120/117R LRE
BF GOODRICH/COMMERCIAL T/A A/S 2/LT245/70R17 119/116R LRE
BF GOODRICH/COMMERCIAL T/A A/S 2/LT245/75R17 121/118R LRE
BF GOODRICH/COMMERCIAL T/A A/S 2/LT265/70R17 121/118R LRE
BF GOODRICH/COMMERCIAL T/A A/S 2/LT275/70R18 125/122R LRE
BF GOODRICH/RUGGED TERRAIN T/A/LT275/65R18 123/120R LRE
BF GOODRICH/RUGGED TERRAIN T/A/LT275/70R18 125/122R LRE

Mfr's Report Date: August 7, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15T-016

Components:

TIRES:BEAD
TIRES:SIDEWALL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 104,000

Problem Description:

Michelin North America, Inc. (MNA) is recalling certain BFGoodrich Commercial T/A All-Season tire size LT275/70R18 125/122Q LRE, BFGoodrich Commercial T/A All-Season 2 sizes LT275/70R18 125/122R LRE, LT235/80R17 120/117R LRE, LT265/70R17 121/118R LRE, LT245/75R17 121/118R LRE, LT245/70R17 119/116R LRE, and BFGoodrich Rugged Terrain T/A sizes LT275/70R18 125/122R LRE and LT275/65R18 123/120R LRE. The affected tires may experience rapid air loss due to a rupture in the sidewall in the bead area.

Consequence:

If the tire sidewall ruptures during use resulting in a rapid air loss, it can cause loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

MNA will notify owners, and dealers will provide similar replacement tires free of charge. The recall began on August 24, 2015. Owners may contact BFGoodrich Consumer Care at 1-866-524-2638.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 (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,

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