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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
15T-014

Subject: Tires may Leak Air from Around Bead

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/CONTIPROCONTACT/225/45R17 91H

Mfr's Report Date: July 15, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15T-014

Components:

TIRES:BEAD

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,884

Problem Description:

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (CTA) is recalling certain ContiProContact tires, size 225/45R17 91H, manufactured February 22, 2015, to May 16, 2015. Due to a manufacturing error, these aftermarket replacement tires may leak air from the bead area.

Consequence:

A loss of air pressure may result in sudden tire failure and increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

CTA will notify owners, and dealers will replace the affected tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 3, 2015. Owners may contact CTA customer service at 1-888-799-2168.

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 CTA'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:

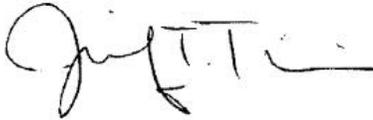
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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,

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