

**CONTINENTAL TIRE THE AMERICAS, LLC
NOTIFICATION CONCERNING CONTINENTAL 180/60R16
CONTIMOTION MOTORCYCLE TIRES
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
PURSUANT TO 49 CFR PART 573.6**

1. Company Providing Notice:

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC
1830 Macmillan Park Drive
Fort Mill, SC 29707

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC ("CTA") imported and distributed the affected tires and assumes responsibility for conducting the forthcoming voluntary safety recall campaign.

Manufacturer's name/address:

Shin Hung Co., LTD (Shinko Group)
156,Sang Pyung-Dong,
Jinju, Kyungnam,
South Korea

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The affected tires were manufactured in South Korea for Continental and branded as Continental tires.

2. Vehicles or Equipment involved in this defect notification:

Generic name of the item: Motorcycle tire

Make: Continental Model: ContiMotion

Part # : 0244074 Size : 180/60R16 M/C 74H

Function: Motorcycle rear tire fitment

DOT "H60L JJE 5110" through "H60L JJE 3811"

The motorcycle tires were manufactured and sold as replacement tires.

The DOT Tire Identification Number (TIN) range of the above tires is from December 19, 2010 through September 24, 2011.

3. Total number of vehicles or items of equipment:

1317 tires sold in the United States and falling within the following tire description are potentially affected:

Continental 180/60R16 M/C 74H ContiMotion

4. Approximate percentage of vehicles or equipment estimated to actually contain the defect:

While only a small number of incidents have been reported, it is not possible to estimate how many of the tires mentioned in section 3 contain this performance issue. Accordingly, the notification and remedy campaign will address 100% of the potentially affected tires in the field.

5. Description of the defect:

Under certain service conditions, these tires may experience uneven wear, groove cracking and, in some cases, belt lift, which can lead to a loss of inflation pressure and a potential loss of control that could lead to an accident.

These service conditions have been observed with Honda GoldWing 1800 motorcycle rear tire fitment, particularly under conditions of overloading or under-inflation.

There have been no reports of any accidents resulting from this condition.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

On March 19, 2012, one tire was received at the US adjustment center of Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (“CTA”) and was subsequently classified as having a tread anomaly.

On April 3, 2012, a further tire was received at the US adjustment center and was subsequently classified as having a tread anomaly.

In April 2012, both tires were sent to Continental Central Customer Service in Hannover, Germany, for further analysis.

On May 2, 2012, both tires arrived in Hannover, Germany.

In July 2012, the analysis in Hannover was completed for both tires. The analysis concluded that the tread anomalies were caused by misuse (overload/under-inflation).

In October 2012, two tires (1 from UK and 1 from USA) with a tread anomaly were sent to Hannover, Germany, for further analysis. They arrived in Hannover for inspection on November 20 2012.

In November 2012, Continental received a telephone call from a tire dealer in Russia that he would be making a warranty claim for 15 tires. The dealer only shipped two tires to Continental Central Customer Service in Hannover, Germany for inspection. So far Continental has no confirmation regarding the condition of the remaining 13 tires or the claim condition codes.

On December 3, 2012, at the Continental Central Customer Service in Hannover, a decision was made to perform a deeper analysis.

In December 2012, three tires (1 from USA and the 2 from Russia) were inspected and classified as having a tread anomaly caused by misuse (overload/under-inflation). Further investigation regarding the application of the complaint tires was necessary.

On January 11, 2013, based on its analysis of returned tires, warranty data, application background and claims, CTA reached the conclusion to initiate this recall.

7. Description of proposed remedy (including schedule for dealer and customer notification):

CTA will conduct a campaign to remove the subject tires that have been sold or are in dealer inventories. Continental has no replacement tire so dealers will be credited and consumers will be reimbursed. Both consumers that currently have an affected tire in service and consumers that replaced an affected tire before the campaign will be paid a flat \$350 reimbursement to cover the acquisition cost of the tire, balancing, mounting and taxes. A reimbursement form has been developed for this purpose.

All known customers, distributors, dealers and independent outlets will receive notification of the campaign, instructions on how to identify the subject tires, information regarding removal of the subject tires from service, and instructions on the return/disposal of affected tires.

CTA is still developing its schedule for distribution chain and customer notification and will provide the schedule to NHTSA once it is confirmed. CTA will also provide copies of its distribution chain and customer notifications.

8. Program for remedy campaign (including program for reimbursing any consumer who obtained the remedy at his/her own expense within one year of this 573 report):

See paragraph #7.

9. Address how CTA will assure that the entities replacing the tires are aware of the legal requirements related to recalls of tires established by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301 and regulations there under:

CTA will notify distributors, as well as all independent outlets that are authorized to replace the tires that are the subject of this recall, of their responsibilities in accordance with Section 573.6(c)(9). Distributors and outlets will be instructed to return affected tires to CTA for disposal.