

 <p>U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration</p>	<p>DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire To Report Vehicle Safety Defects 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236) INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline</p>		<p>FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 252</p>	
	<p>Date Received 2003 JUN -9 AM 11:51 12-MAY-2003</p>		<p>Repository <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Reference No. 10019694</p>	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)				
Name		Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address
Address		Evening Telephone Number		
City POUGHKEEPSIE	State NY	Zip Code		
<p>Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner _____ Date: / /</p>				
VEHICLE INFORMATION				
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)		Make JEEP	Model CHEROKEE	Model Year 1988
Date Purchased 2000	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Purchased from private owner		Engine: No. Cylinders 6	Fuel Type: gas
Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City	State	Zip Code	
Transmission Type 5 spd.	<input type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain 4x4	Vehicle Component Code 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT Multiple Failure: 1	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION				
Incident Date(s) 12-MAY-2003	Failure Mileage	Failure Speed 45 mph.		
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE				
Tire Make Sillente/Peerless	Tire Model (Name or Number) force 4	Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) 215/75/15		
DOT No. (Example: DOTNALSABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair	Failure Location: On tread		
Tire Component Code Unknown	Tire Failure Type Tread Separation			
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE				
Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:		
Seat Type:	Installation System:			
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:			
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION <i>(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), cause(s), and injury(ies).)</i>				
Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured None	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police N
<p>Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure, i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).</p>				
<p>THE REAR PASSENGER TIRE EXPERIENCED TREAD SEPARATION. *JB Traveling approx. 45mph. Heard a whacking noise coming from R/R wheel well. Pulled over and upon inspection noticed belts from tire separated and exposed (on tread face). Tire was still inflated but losing air rapidly. I changed tire on spot with spare and purchased replacement last year (2002) The exact same thing happened to the L/F tire. I still have the most recent tire that experienced tread separation, but not the one from last year.</p>				
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.			ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY	
<p><small>The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under an obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.</small></p>				

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#1 My 1988 Jeep Cherokee was equipped with four "Force 4" tires sized 215/75/15. 2 of these tires ^{have now} experienced tread separation, one in 2002 and the other just recently. Tires were still inflated ^{after} separation occurred, but were losing air. Both tires were in ^{is it} good condition ~~at~~ prior to the separation with plenty of tread life left on them. To my knowledge, the tires were inflated to the proper psi. Peerless/Billetta is who made the tires and I've learned that it is a subsidiary of Firestone. I've also learned that the "Force 4" tire was (is) under investigation by Federal regulators for possible tread separation problems. To add, ^{the} tires separated while traveling at a reasonable speed (approx. 45 mph)



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