

This is supplement to report of safety defect made by David R. Baker of 17 Connacher Road, Ghent, NY 12075, concerning Michelin RV Tires.

The 2001 Coachmen Sportcoach was purchased new on 4/27/01 from Alum Creek RV, Delaware, Ohio. Said vehicle was equipped with 6 Michelin 255/80R 22.5 XRV tires.

On 2/19/04, on Rte I-81 in PA, the right front tire blew out the sidewall. This required a service call from Highland Tire & Service Center of Carlise, PA, copy of invoice #161982 is enclosed. Vehicle mileage at this point was just over 13,000. The next morning the motorhome was taken to a tire dealer and all tires were checked for proper air pressure.

The second sidewall blowout occurred on I-10, Houston, Texas. It was the left front tire and the mileage was just over 14,000. Service was provided by Strouhal Tire McCarthy of Houston, copy of order #43716 is attached.

In both instances motorhome was disabled on the side of interstate highway for 3 and 1/2 hours. Responding service had to locate proper tire.

A complain was made to Michelin and was advised to have front end weighed which was done. Scale receipt showed the front end to be nearly 1,000 lbs under. Called Michelin back and was advised to do corner weight. I argued both front tires blew and front end was nearly 1,000 lbs under. Was advised to send weight receipt and copies of repair bills. This resulted in Michelin sending me a check on \$340.35, Copy of cover for that check is enclosed.

While in Fort Worth, Texas, I purchased a spare tire from Fort Worth Truck Tire Ctr at a cost of 323.06, copy of receipt attached. Other campers with large motor homes had advised me to purchase a spare to avoid delays.

On 3/15/05 I prepped motor home for trip starting in Florida and ending in South Carolina. I carry a compressor capable of inflating to 150 PSI. All tires were properly inflated.

On I-95, near I-26, right rear outside tire blew out a sidewall. A service call by Extreme Tire of Garden City, Georgia was arranged through Coach-Net, my Emergency road service provider. I was charged for dismount of bad tire and mounting of the Bridgestone tire I provided. Copy of invoice #7395 is enclosed. The serviceman, Sonny, showed where the Michelin blew out the side wall and showed that the steel belts were rusted. I asked him to hold the tire for possible NHTSA inspection.

On 2/18/05 contacted a "Mary" from Michelin. She could offer no relief and would not consider having someone from Michelin inspect tire.

I called later and spoke to a Dave Pachappat at Michelin who advised I could take motor home to an authorized Michelin dealer for inspection of remaining Michelin tires, but would not have tire being held by Extreme Tire inspected by their people.

I have made arrangements with Black's Tire Service of N. Myrtle Beach, Kenny Bullard< to replace the remaining 3 Michelins on the rear of motor home replaced with 3 Bridgestones at a cost of \$360 per tire. Mr Bullard has agreed to hold 2 of the Michelins for possible NHTSA inspection. The 3rd Michelin I will take home to my residence where it will also be available for possible NHTSA inspection.

I have a large compressor in my garage at home and another portable compressor in my shop, plus the one I carry in the motor home all of which are capable of inflating tires to proper pressure.

I have opted to replace the remaining 3 Michelin tires because of safety concerns.

Remedy Sought: A safety recall of these particular tires manufactured by Michelin and investigation to determine if any injury or deaths were caused by these tires.



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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City GHENT State NY Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☐ YES ☒ NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner _____ Date 3/21/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 4UJ63FBA8YD [REDACTED]		Make CDACHMEN	Model SPORTSCOACH	Model Year 2001
Date Purchased	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number		Engine: No. Cylinders	Fuel Type: Diesel
Original Owner ☒	Dealer's City		State	Zip Code
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control	Powertrain REAR WHEEL DRIVE	Vehicle Component Code: 192000 TIRES:SIDEWALL Multiple Failure: 3	

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 18-FEB-2004	Failure Mileage	Failure Speed 60	
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make MICHELIN	Tire Model (Name or Number) 276BOR22.5	Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM4SABC096)	☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair	Failure Location:
Tire Component Code 192000 TIRES:SIDEWALL		Tire Failure Type

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

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Deaths	Reported to Police N
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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).

THE TWO FRONT AND THE RIGHT REAR TIRES BLEW OUT ON THE HIGHWAY AT 80 MPH ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS. EACH TIME THE SIDEWALL MALFUNCTIONED. *AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoices. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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