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**From:**  
**Comments:**

I have continental tr tires on a 2004 ford expedition that currently has 26,000 street/non off road miles. The tread is separating on the front tires. I have not, fortunately, since I drive with my 2 yr old in the car, had an accident; however I feel that this should be reported since it seem to be a continuing problem with continental tires on ford trucks.  
From NHTSA Web Site.

**Jimenez, Alberto**

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Consumer

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Thank you for your e-mail to NHTSA's Webmaster, which was received by NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation. We apologize for the delay in answering your e-mail and use of this form letter; however, due to the number of e-mails received and limited resources, we are responding to your correspondence in this manner. A member of our staff may contact you if further information is needed.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, sufficient data must exist to warrant the expenditure of agency resources. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

Reports from motorists concerning vehicle problems are a very important source of information for us. The information you provided will be added to our database. If you wish to provide further information with regard to motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment problems or problems with regard to recall corrective actions and have not done so, **please complete the vehicle owner's questionnaire (VOQ) that is available on NHTSA's Web site at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/voq](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/voq) <<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/voq>>**. Each report is analyzed and compiled into a database to assist us in identifying potential safety problems or recall inadequacies that require our attention.

You may also obtain information about recalls, investigations, and other safety related information by accessing NHTSA website at [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems) <<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>>. For other information please call our DOT Auto safety Hotline toll-free number at 1-888-327-4236.

If further assistance is needed, please contact Mr. Michael J. Jordan, Office of Defects Investigation, Correspondence Research Division, at: (202) 493-0576.

Sincerely,

Alberto A. Jimenez, Chief  
Correspondence Research Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement

P. S. Please complete the VOQ and provide the information for the tire e.g., tire size, tire name, DOT No. if available, and vehicle.