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Re: Tire Safety
2001 Acura Integra
Michelin XGT V4

Dear Acura,

I purchased a new 2001 Acura Integra for my son Camilo when he graduated Harvard four years ago and before he began USC Medical School. The Integra came with Michelin XGT V4 tires (a fairly expensive tire). We (my son and I) have received communications from Acura and the local dealers but never received an advisory/warning about problems with these tires, especially on wet surfaces.

The Integra with Michelin XGT V4 tires has had two serious accidents during the last four years with property damage and injuries. Both times the Integra was at fault: skidded out of control on wet surfaces. Our AAA Insurance covered the damages except for the \$1000 deductible property damage each time. My son, a careful driver, was badly shaken and told me the car didn't perform well on wet surfaces. He wanted to walk away from the car but I didn't listen.

Last month, I was advised that the car needed new tires (47,000 miles). I did an internet search on the Michelin XGT V4 tires and came across numerous complaints that these tires had poor traction on wet surfaces. One survey found users would probably not buy again (www.tirerack.com/tires/survey results with a rating of 2.6 out of 10).

Please advise why Acura selected the Michelin XGT V4 tires if they have problems on wet surfaces and why Acura or Michelin didn't warn use about this situation.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Auto Safety Hotline, 400 7th Street SW, Washington DC 20590

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