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Dear Sir / Madam:

This is a complaint about Carlisle tires.

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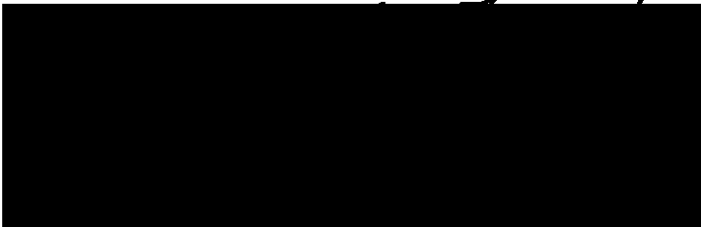
In March of 2004, I purchased a brand new 2004 Sportsman 194T travel trailer (manufactured by KIT) from RV Brokers in Sacramento, California. This new unit came equipped with 5 Carlisle ST radial tires, including the spare, Size ST205 / 75-R14 Load C. I tow this trailer with a 1999 GMC Suburban. Three months later I took a one month 5,000 mile vacation around the U. S. and did not have any problems with this trailer. Thereafter, outside of a few short trips, this trailer has remained on my property with the tires covered to prevent exposure to the weather.

On July 13th of this year, I began another vacation trip to Wisconsin towing this trailer with my Suburban. While towing at about 60 MPH on a downgrade in Wyoming the R/F tire on the trailer blew out the side exposing the steel belts. This left about a 1" by 7" opening in the tire. My wife was driving and managed to pull off the road and stop without further damage to the vehicles. I replaced this tire (which now had about 6,500 miles on it) with the spare tire which was still new, had always been covered, and had never been on the road. At the Nebraska state line I purchased a replacement tire which became my spare. I left the blown tire with the shop for disposal.

On August 8th while driving in Sandpoint Idaho at about 45 MPH, the R/F trailer tire blew out leaving about a 2" hole in the center of the tread. Keep in mind this was the original spare tire which now had less than 2,000 miles on it. I managed to pull off the road and stop with minimal damage to the wheel well. I replaced this blown tire with the spare I had recently purchased in Wyoming. I purchased a replacement tire from a dealer in Ponderay, Idaho and left the blown tire with the shop for disposal.

On August 14th, about 100 miles from home (Oakland, California) my wife was driving on Highway 101 at about 60 MPH when the L/R tire blew out leaving about a 1" hole in the center of the tread. My wife managed to pull off the road to a wide shoulder area without further damage to the vehicles. I replaced this tire with the spare I had purchased in Idaho. This being a late Sunday afternoon, we were unable to find a tire dealer open to purchase another tire. Driving well under the speed limit, we managed to arrive home without another blowout.

Regarding air pressure, I always keep my trailer tires inflated 5 to 7 lbs under the recommended PSI as stated on the tire. In over 30 years of travel trailering, I had never experienced a blowout, until this last trip. This is my first experience with Carlisle tires and it will be my last. I will be retelling this story to anyone who owns or operates RV's. In a few days I will be taking the last blown tire and the other two Carlisle trailer tires to a dealer for replacement with another brand.



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