



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
  
National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

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](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline)

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Reference No.  
10145805

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

GUNLOCK

State KY

Zip Code

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 12/19/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

1FCLP5

Make

COACHMEN

Model

MIRADA

Model Year

2002

Date Purchased  
10-SEP-02

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number  
SUMMIT RV 806-928-7825

Engine:

No. Cylinders 10

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner  
☒

Dealer's City  
ASHLAND

State  
KY

Zip Code  
41102

Transmission Type  
AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes  
☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain  
REAR WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code  
180000 TIRES

19.5

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)  
07-OCT-2005

Failure Mileage  
22000

Failure Speed

55 mph

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make  
UNKNOWN

General

Tire Model (Name or Number)

UNKNOWN

Continental

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)  
LMT40022570 19.5

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)  
CUGRHMT2.01

☒ Original Equipment  
☐ Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code  
190000 TIRES

Tire Failure Type BLOWOUT

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

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).

DT: THE CONTACT STATED THE INSIDE REAR DUAL TIRE BLEW OUT. THE ONLY WARNING WAS SEVERE VIBRATION BEFORE THE BLOWOUT OCCURRED. THERE WAS A 72 MONTH WARRANTY ON THE TIRES. THE DEALER AND THE MANUFACTURER REFUSED TO HONOR THE WARRANTY. THE TIRE WAS REPLACED AT THE CONTACT'S EXPENSE. HOWEVER, EVEN AFTER REPLACEMENT OF THE DAMAGED TIRE THE VEHICLE CONTINUED TO VIBRATE. \*AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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 no 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.

**Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)**

I am sending photos of the tire, had this incident happened on the front there we no control over the vehicle on the road we won't drive the RV because we don't feel safe with the tires on it. I am sending a copy of the receipt where I took the tire to have it taken off and sent back to General which was S&S tire the Lexington, Ky. the max load limit on the tire was dual 3,415 lbs. the RV curb weight is 11,000 lbs. I am also sending a copy of a letter I wrote to General Tire and also, a letter of complaint from someone else I had found on the internet.

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Washington, D.C. 20590

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Defects Investigation, NVS-216  
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Washington, DC 20590



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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in regards to a blown out tire I have a 2002 Mirada Coachmen 31 ft. long. The vehicle only had 22,000 miles on it when the tire blew out there was no warning at all when it blew out I contacted a Dealer in Paintsville which then sent it to S&S Tires they said it was over weight underinflated which caused it to blow the tire was not underinflated. Underinflated will not cause a tire to blow and I looked at the tires which said the weight limit on front tires 3,640 lbs. Dual 3,415 lbs. the RV itself in front chassis is 6,000 lbs. back chassis 11,000 lbs. the tires on it wasn't even safe to be riding on the size of the tire is 19.5 70R 225 LMT General Continental I am asking for replacement of the tire as well as the rest of the tires to be replaced it is unsafe to drive. I have talked to an Attorney and he says the tires need to be replaced. I would like an answer back

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

Gunlock KY.

[REDACTED]

# Garrett Webs & Computer Services

February 25, 2001

Ms. Geri H  
Service Center Manager  
Continental General Tire, Inc

Re-Claim # C-01-005, C-01-097

Dear Ms. H:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 15, 2001 whereby you are denying my claim # C-01-097. Having been a police sergeant for 15 years, Public Safety is a sincere concern of mine. I have had an opportunity to observe many instances and causes of traffic accidents. It is my professional opinion that any tire that can come apart this easily without warning for any reason, and cause this much damage should be considered an extreme danger and safety hazard to the motoring public. I feel quite certain that any reasonable and prudent person would agree with this.

It is my sincere desire to resolve this matter without litigation, however, make no mistake, your refusal to accept responsibility for the damage caused in this claim will force me to proceed with any and every **PUBLIC** and private avenue available to me for relief in this matter.

Additionally, I am sincerely concerned that the general public should be notified immediately that if they are driving on General Tires that may have been patched due to a minor puncture, they should completely remove and replace that tire out of concern for the safety of themselves and their families. This tire simply came apart at 70 mph with no warning or indication of any problem whatsoever. Had there been another vehicle near mine when it occurred, it could have had, and very possibly would have had, fatal results.

This tire was carefully examined by a General Tire dealer in West Houston, prior to my returning it to you who, in his professional opinion, stated that the tire should not have come apart as it did. It was he who provided me with the information regarding how to contact you, and suggested that I file a claim with General Tires. I am also respectfully requesting that the tire be returned to me in the same condition that you received it in order to be sent to another expert for an additional professional examination to be used as evidence in a lawsuit should it become necessary. Please return it via UPS ground, COD.

This letter is to serve as formal notification, that in the event you have failed to notify





