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Bowling Green, SC [REDACTED]

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Ref. # 10203785

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated August 6, 2007, concerning your Continental tires size P225/50R17 equipped on your model year (MY) 2006 Chevrolet Malibu. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on September 17, 2007.

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. However, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

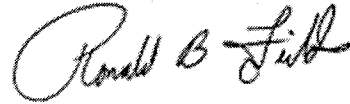
We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. Each report is analyzed and entered into a database to determine whether an investigation into a possible safety defect or safety defect recall adequacy is warranted.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to Continental P225/50R17 tires sidewall cracking. At this time, there are no other complaints in our database therefore insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.



Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald B. Fields". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Ronald B. Fields, Chief
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