



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

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]  
City WASHBURN State WI Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED] E-mail Address [REDACTED]  
Evening Telephone Number [REDACTED]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  
In the absence of an Signature of Owner [REDACTED]  YES  NO  
to the vehicle manufacturer. Date 9/30/07

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side  
1GNDT13S85 [REDACTED] Make CHEVROLET Model TRAILBLAZER Model Year 2005  
Date Purchased 05-MAY-07 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number DON JOHNSON AUTO GROUP 715-634-4848 Engine: No: Cylinders 6 Fuel Type: Gas  
Original Owner  Dealer's City HALLOWARD State WI Zip Code 54843  
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC  Antilock Brakes Powertrain 4 WHEEL DRIVE Vehicle Component Code 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT  
 Cruise Control Multiple Failure: 1

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s) 14-SEP-2007 Failure Mileage 47000 Failure Speed 65

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make CONTINENTAL Tire Model (Name or Number) CONTITRAC TR OWL Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) ~~P225/70R18-125/1225~~ P225/65R17  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) A38TBL6  Original Equipment  Prior Repair Failure Location: PASSENGER SIDE REAR  
Tire Component Code 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT Tire Failure Type TREAD SEPARATION

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make: [REDACTED] Date Manufactured: [REDACTED] Model No./Name: [REDACTED]  
Seat Type: [REDACTED] Installation System: [REDACTED]  
Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED] Failed Part: [REDACTED]

**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 0 Number of Deaths 0 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).

TL\*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2005 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER. THE VEHICLE HAS CONTINENTAL CONTITRAC TR OWL, SIZES ~~P225/70R18 AND 125/1225 TIRES~~. WHILE DRIVING 65 MPH, THE VEHICLE BEGAN TO SWERVE. THE CONTACT PULLED OVER AND REPLACED THE PASSENGER SIDE REAR TIRE WITH A SPARE. HE ALSO NOTICED TREAD SEPARATION. THE CURRENT AND FAILURE MILEAGES WERE 47,000.

*Note Attached: Detailed Explanation*

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.

The contact, [REDACTED] own a 2005 Trailblazer. The vehicle came with original equipment Continental Contitrac TR Owl, size P245/65R17 ( DOT A38TBL6) tires.

In addition it must be noted that the driver of the car, [REDACTED] was heading west on the I35W in the city of St. Paul MN at approx 65-70 mph, driving in the center lane.

The vehicle suddenly shuddered as if buffeted by heavy wind. It then began moving slightly to the right toward the left lane of traffic. The owner slowed to around 45 mph, while signaling and moving into the right lane of traffic, at this time a loud slapping of the tire on the pavement was heard and the smell of burnt rubber.

The owner managed to control the vehicle by gripping the steering wheel tightly and slowing down further and exit onto an off ramp of the free way. ( Cty Rd C ) Drove the car to a safe position off the ramp at an Exxon Station.

Fortunately for the driver, she was able to call AAA for assistance. The driver of the tow truck, All Towing and Recovery of Centerville, MN. Changed and examined the tire. On the right rear passenger side, the tire tread was separated and shredded from the sidewall. ( photo enclosed) The towing company changed the tire and place the spare tire on. The sidewall, of the tire remained intact and attached to the rim.

The tire was brought to Luther Chev. in Brooklyn Park, MN where it was inspected and replaced with a new tire, a Continental Contitrac TR (same # P245/65R17) DOT # A38TBL6 at a total cost to the owner of \$183.05, for tire and labor. \*Find enclosed copy of bill for tire and note from service person from Luther Chev.

Gratefully catastrophe was avoided.

[REDACTED]  
Washburn, WI  
[REDACTED]

## Recalls - Search Results

Report Date : **September 21, 2007 at 07:32 PM**  
SEARCH TYPE : **TIRES**  
Brand Name : **CONTINENTAL**  
Tire Line : **CONTITRAC TR OWL**

**Make :** CONTINENTAL      **Model :** CONTITRAC TR OWL      **Build Dates :** MAY 29, 2005 - JUN 11, 2005

**Manufacturer :** CONTINENTAL TIRE NORTH AMERICA, INC.

**NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number :** 05T022000

**Mfr's Report Date :** NOV 21, 2005

**Component:** TIRES:TREAD/BELT

**Potential Number Of Units Affected :** 34396

**Summary:**

CERTAIN CONTINENTAL CONTITRAC TR OWL, CONTITRAC TR BSW, GENERAL GRABBER TR BSW, AND CONTITRAC BSW TIRES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MAY 29 AND JUNE 11, 2005, AND SOLD AS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT ON CERTAIN FORD TRUCKS AND SOLD AS REPLACEMENT TIRES. THESE TIRES CAN WEAR PREMATURELY WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 119, NEW PNEUMATIC TIRES FOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN PASSENGER CARS.

**Consequence:**

AFFECTED TIRES MAY NOT MEET THE ENDURANCE TEST REQUIREMENTS OF THE STANDARD. CONTINUED USE OF THE AFFECTED TIRES CAN RESULT IN TIRE FAILURE WHICH COULD LEAD TO VEHICLE DAMAGE OR MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

CONTINENTAL WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE TIRES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL BEGAN ON DECEMBER 7, 2005. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CONTINENTAL AT 704-588-5895.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Fax To:



SEP 24, 2007 HISTORY - SPECIFIC VEHICLE

Store 21 SERVC01 PORT 5388 3030

CUSTOMER NAME [REDACTED]

SERIAL NO. 1GNDT13S852 [REDACTED]

R.O. NO. 115324	1	RO. DATE 09/08/2007	2	DEPT (S,B,P)	S SERVICE
[1 OF 1]	[1 OF 1]	3 MILEAGE 45304	4	ADVISOR NO. 4221	

5 OPERATION NO. 03CTZZM1 OP. DESC. WHEELS AND TIRES  
 6 SALE TYPE (C/W/I) C TECH.NO(S). 2626  
 7 COMPLAINT REPLACE 1 TIRE; M&B; SEE PART FOR TIRE; UNDER CUST NAME  
 CONTRITRAC

8 CAUSE *TREAD came off tire surface!*

9 CORRECTION MOUNT AND BALANCE 1 TIRE

10 WARRANTY	CLAIM NO.	OPERATION NO.	CLAIM NO.	OPERATION NO.
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11 CAMPAIGN NO.	CAMPAIGN DESC.
12 CAMPAIGN NO.	CAMPAIGN DESC.

1=COMMENTS) (2=RECOMMENDATIONS) (3=CCC SCREEN) (E=ENTER) (JOB#) (TAB)

*Thank you!  
Have a Good day*



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Sept. 7, 2007

All Towing & Recovery - Centerville, MN  
Towing Attendant changed tire



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