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October 2, 2007

Jim Micali, Chairman and CEO
Michelin North America, Inc.
P.O. Box 19001
Greenville, SC 29602-9001

Dear Mr. Micali:

I would like to bring to your attention that your Michelin Energy MXV4 Plus tires may need to be recalled. I had written a prior letter in 2005 concerning this matter (attached). These tires came standard on the Volvo V70 2.4 station wagon that I bought new on February 24, 2005 at Annapolis Volvo in Maryland. I bought the warranty on these tires and wheels that was offered by the dealer, which includes 5 years of unlimited coverage regardless of treadwear.

I have now had 6 sidewall blowouts in 2.5 years and 75,000 miles. The tire is rated to last 80,000 miles. You can see the attached receipts for the repair of this service. For 18 years I have always owned the most inexpensive cars and tires and not once did I ever blow out a tire due to a defect in the tire. Now that I am a surgeon that often takes emergency call, and have three children that are all still in car/booster seats, I bought a Volvo with Michelin tires so that I could have a reliable car that is safe. I feel that these tires are a death trap. I truly feel that I am driving on hand grenades and fear for my life and that of my children. Unfortunately my warranty for this make and model of tire is for five years with unlimited mileage. I do not want to drive on these tires for the next 2.5 years until my warranty expires. With these blowouts constantly occurring, I and/or my family risk serious injury and possibly death.

Two years ago when I attempted to address this matter, I was contacted by phone by Michelin Customer Service. The gentleman insisted that these tires were top of the line tires and that no one had ever complained, and then he hung up on me (before I could get his name). People have definitely complained. I have included a list of reviews/complaints from tirerack.com that describe numerous sidewall complaints.

I would like you to seriously consider recalling this tire. In the meantime, I would like a different set of tires with a good reliability rating that would also be covered by my current warranty for the remaining 2.5 years, preferably Bridgestone Potenza RE960AS Pole Position or Kumho Ecsta ASX tires. You may contact me in writing concerning this matter. I look forward to hearing your reply within the next 30 days.

ET
10/16/07

Sincerely yours,



Cc: Annapolis Volvo
Customer Service
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Annapolis, MD 21401

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December 16, 2005

Michelin North America, Inc.
Attn: Consumer Relations Department
P.O. Box 19001
Greenville, SC 29602-9001

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to bring to your attention that your Michelin Energy MXV4 Plus tires may need to be recalled. These tires came standard on the Volvo V70 2.4 station wagon that I bought new on February 24, 2005 at Annapolis Volvo in Maryland. I bought the warranty on these tires and wheels that was offered by the dealer.

At 8,964 miles, the right rear tire blew out while turning the corner at a well-paved intersection. This was due to a sidewall defect. At 18,938 miles, I had the left rear tire replaced due to a bubble in the sidewall. Then at 26,595 miles the right rear tire blew out again on the highway while driving late at night in freezing rain, in an area that did not get cell phone reception. This was also due to a defect in the sidewall and I am enclosing a picture of this defect.

For 16 years I have always owned the most inexpensive cars and tires and not once did I ever blow out a tire due to a defect in the tire. Now that I am a surgeon that often takes emergency call, has three children that are all still in car seats, I bought a Volvo with Michelin tires so that I could have a reliable car that is safe. I feel that these tires are a death trap. I truly feel that I am driving on hand grenades and fear for my life and that of my children. Unfortunately my warranty for this make and model of tire is for five years with unlimited mileage. I do not want to drive on these tires for the next four years until my warranty expires. With a blowout occurring every 8,500 miles, I or my family might actually be seriously injured and/or die.

I would like a different set of tires with a good reliability rating that would also be covered by my current warranty. You may contact me in writing concerning this matter. I look forward to hearing your reply within the next 30 days.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]

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List of Reviews Specific to Poor Sidewalls on the Michelin MXV4 Plus Tires From tiresack.com

 2002 Volkswagen Passat GLX 4Motion [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 18,480
Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Spirited

These tires are the worst I've ever owned. The only thing that I like about them is the highway ride. They handle poorly in high speed turns, do to there extremely weak side v hydroplane in the rain at speeds greater than 65mph. In the snow, they are so unsafe, I finally decided to get rid of them. The slightest "strong" break application caused the AB-tire. My car has "4 motion" and I never expected to have to change to "winter" tires, but these are undrivable in the snow. They are so poor in fact, that I complained to VW N. The operator said that they have been getting alot of complaint about them, now that the winter is here. I purchased a set of performance snow tires, and now the car handles in the rain and snow.

—Review submitted: 2003-01-30

Michelin
ENERGY
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 3.58

 2001 Volvo V70 2.4T [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 22,000
Location: Phoenix, AZ
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Average

These are quite possibly the worst tires I have ever owned, at any price. I have a station wagon and drive like a PTA mother and these tires cannot even meet these simple to nearly 5000 pound car off the ground with the lightest of sprindles. Just say "rain" and the Energies will put your car in the lumber yard. The sidewalls are giving out before I sidewalls have developed crazy bulges that are dangerous and grab curbs. Once I had an Acura and the OEM Energy tires —ed on that car, too. They are OEM on my they have to be inflated several times a week to maintain proper pressure. If you like Bose audio and McDonalds hamburgers, you will probably love these all-type kids toys. I not purchase Michellne as replacements, I will never again buy a car equipped with these birds.

—Review submitted: 2004-08-07

Michelin
ENERGY
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 4.09

 2001 Honda Accord Sedan EX [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 22,000
Location: Neptune, NJ

Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City

Driving Style: Spirited

These tires came stock on my 2001 Accord EX. They started out fine but the more I drove them the less happy I was with them. I only have 28,000 miles on the tires and I have them already. The fronts went bald after 22,000 miles. They dry rotted and started to separate at 26,000 miles. The side wall construction is horrible on these tires. They ride mid-corner. Steering responsiveness is also very low. You get a vague feel from them. Not really sure what the tire is doing until it is too late. The drive control level and 2 biggest selling features. Other than that they are horrible in the rain and snow. They spin way to easy in the dry also, not much in the traction department. I would only recommend you are only taking your car to get groceries once a week.

--Review submitted: 2006-09-09

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 4.88

 2004 Honda Accord Sedan LX 4cyl [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 21,604
Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Spirited

These were OEM on my 04 Accord. Now have about 21600 on them and they are shot. I think Honda should be ashamed at putting these very low mileage tires on new. The responsive BUT they are also a tad to tall on the sidewall and are very floppy. Taking turns in the wet is dangerous. First yr. or so was ok in the snow but now with snow too made more than about 75% worn, dangerous. I just bought 4 new Hydroedges for my CR-V and cant buy new ones for Accord yet. Plus the lease is up in about 15 months. I cheap snow tire for the front. I would not buy these again.

--Review submitted: 2006-01-13

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 4.55

 2002 Honda Accord Coupe EX V6 [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 67,000
Location: Dover, NJ
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Average

These tires were intilly okay, not great. They came stock on my car, and I had to replace two in two months because of bubbles, a common complaint of this tire. I live in an area where potholes do exist, but at same time, I try to avoid as many potholes as possible and tires are meant to be driven on. All I can say, proceed with much caution if you purchasing these tires in the at state area.

—Review submitted: 2005-10-17

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 4.8



2002 Honda Accord Coupe SE 4cyl

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 46,000
Location: atlanta, ga
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Spirited

These tire came stock on the 2002 Accord SE, and were alright for the first 30,000 miles. They handled mediocre at best in all categories. In wet weather, it would slip occass snow/ice, it would lose traction relatively quickly. As for dry weather, they were sluggish and in even in low speed turns 35-45mph, the tire would squeal a great amount. It was enough as an Accord can get, but not necessarily comfortable. However, they did last me about 38,000 and began to crack on the side soon after. I would personally not re tires to anyone due to its high price and low performance.

—Review submitted: 2005-07-26

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.00



2008 Honda Accord Sedan LX

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 63,000
Location: Bakersfield, CA
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Average

OEm tires. Very impressive when new. After 30000 mi- worse tire I've driven- low traction, lots of road noise, frequent flats. Replaced them at 63000 with goodyear comfort

—Review submitted: 2005-04-21

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.2

Touring
All-
Season



2004 Hyundai Elantra GLS Sedan

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 35,000
Location: Aston, PA
Driving Condition: Mostly City
Driving Style: Average

I rotate my tires regularly. The car is new, so these were the first 35,000 miles of the vehicle. Plus I had the car aligned while under warranty (within the first 5,000 miles the car needed) to accommodate for a slight pull. The tires now need immediate replacement due to apparently excessive wear on the outer edges. The wonderful cornering and the apparently requires soft tires that do not hold-up well to frequent turning, nor does this softness provide good wet traction.

--Review submitted: 2007-08-29

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.38



2000 Honda Accord Sedan EX

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 17,000
Location: Allen, TX
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Spirited

The Michelin MXV4 Plus tires came as original equipment on my 2000 Accord. Even though I enjoy the occasional fast turn, I expected much better wear from the tires: totally especially around the edges after 17K! I was very disappointed with the MXV4 Plus. After lots of researching, I decided to replace them with the Michelin Pilot XGT H4 - I had experiences withMichelins in the past, so I just figured that the particular tire was bad...wrong! After 18K, these tires are bald too, however they have worn more evenly. Still, I am disappointed with the Michelins and see no performance advantages that would merit their horrible treadlife. I will replace these tires with Bridgestone Turanza LB-H, since the warranty and have received good reviews.

--Review submitted: 2003-05-11

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.45



2002 Mercedes-Benz C230 Coupe

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 8,000
Location: ALEXANDRIA, VA
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City

Driving Style:

Average

Bus
Michell

After placing the tire on the car, a Mercedes-Benz trained technician observed an odd treadwear pattern that he indicated was a defect in the tire and not adjustment vehicle suspension. I have had other examples of the same tire in the past and I'm very impressed with the long tread life of the tire. He is wrong the U.S. can't make a tire with quality.

-Review submitted: 2006-10-17

Michell
Energy
MVA
Plus
Grand
Towing
All
Season

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.0



2002 Mercedes-Benz C320 Coupe

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires:

22,000

Location:

ALEXANDRIA, VA

Driving Condition:

Combined Highway/City

Driving Style:

Average

Bus
Michell

The reason for the purchase was curb rash - cuts on the sidewall of two front tires. Are there different strengths of sidewalls, aka "resistance to sidewall damage" rating?

Michell
Energy
MVA
Plus
Grand
Towing
All
Season

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.0



2002 Hyundai Elantra GLS Sedan

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Miles driven on tires:

38,900

Location:

burbank, ca

Driving Condition:

Combined Highway/City

Driving Style:

Spitted

Bus
Michell

These were original equipment on my car. They wear out surprisingly quickly. I would not buy another set of these tires to replace my o.e. set. They are very expensive for the performance they give. The sidewalls are very soft, and feel unstable when cornering. Grip in the dry is pretty good but the slightest amount of water destroys any confidence. However, they are quiet and provide a ride geared toward comfort.

--Review submitted: 2004-01-30

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.50

 2006 Acura 3.2TL [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires:	30,000
Location:	anchorage, AK
Driving Condition:	Combined Highway/City
Driving Style:	Spirited

blind, no fit's own tires. very little sidewall support. loud...way too loud. excellent treadwear however.

--Review submitted: 2001-05-08

Michelin
Energy
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Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.8

 2007 Volvo B40 2.4i [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires:	6,000
Location:	Scottsdale, AZ
Driving Condition:	Combined Highway/City
Driving Style:	Spirited

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful:

OEM tires on the car. To start, I am an enthusiast, these are not enthusiast tires, these grand touring tires, so I have no use for them. Poor dry traction, but perhaps I am expecting squelchy sidewalls especially at high speeds, once again, good for comfort, but bad for the enthusiast. Treadwear has been excellent so far though, I wish I could keep these see how long they will last, but I want good tires that don't squeal and slide-hop when you push them around a corner... As I said before though these are GT tires, and I am an not a good match to begin with, but overall an OK tire for OEM...

--Review submitted: 2007-06-08

Michelin
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Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.88

Plus
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Touring
All-
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 1998 Volvo V70

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 48,880
Location: Mountain Brook, AL
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Spirited

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful:

I have had these tires for a good 45000 miles on my 98 Volvo V70 front wheel drive, and I can honestly say they do not really do what I need from them. I do a considerable amount of driving on dirt, gravel, and often muddy roads, and the tires often find themselves slipping on very modest terrain. I use my car hard; I am an off-roader without a truck of my own at the moment, and I have to drive up some pretty dicey access roads, and the tires just don't do well in areas of low traction. Wet pavement gives them trouble, and the modest torque of this engine in front wheel drive should do a fair amount to stop the tires from spinning on pavement, but they spin anyway. Now, I will say that I prefer a bit of a rough ride, as my suspension is a bit stiff, and I hit corners pretty hard for an inline-6 driver, and the ride these tires have is good for me. If you want a cushy ride though, these probably aren't the tires for you. Also, the steering is a bit loose when cornering, and the body roll in the car is even more pronounced. Overall, I can say I will not buy these again; I will probably go with BF Goodrich for my upcoming...

-Review submitted: 2007-04-18

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Reviewer's Overall Rating: 5.88

 2004 Acura 3.2CL

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 10,000
Location: San Jose, CA
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Average

Noisy. Expensive. Noisy. Squeals on entrance/exit ramps. Noisy. Sidewalks damaged if you look at them the wrong way. Did I mention that they were noisy?

-Review submitted: 2006-03-14

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 6

 2001 Acura 3.2CL-S

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 4,700
Location: LA, CA

Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City

Driving Style: Average

This lasted me a good while- 45k. However, I've had two of these tires develop bubbles. Comfort and noise level is good, but performance is absolutely horrid. At any level turn or start, my tires will break loose. Would not buy again, nor recommend anyone else to. Especially given these tires are way too overpriced for what they are.

—Review submitted: 2003-05-13

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 8.11

 2004 Volkswagen Passat GLX 4Motion Wgn [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 37,000

Location: Boston, MA

Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City

Driving Style: Average

OEM tires; rotated every 5k; alignment and psi always "in spec"; tires failed inspection at 37,000 miles. VW chose these for low rolling resistance, and while the tires are quiet the treadwear for the 4Motion application is simply unacceptable. Partially due to rounder shoulders, these tires allow too much body roll and outer-edge wear. Replaced with 512s.

—Review submitted: 2004-04-18

Michelin
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All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 8.11

 1998 Volkswagen Passat V6 [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 30,000

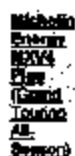
Location: Nashua, NH

Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City

Driving Style: Spirited

Personally, I think these tires are complete junk, but that is due to the fact that they just don't suit my needs. First, the good: There are two things in which these tires excel, the comfort/noise and treadwear. I found them to be stable, extremely quiet, and smooth on the highway. Over the rough and uneven New England roads, they held their line quite well. Crosswinds can cause the car to wander a bit, which I attribute to soft sidewalls. They also wore like they were made of granite. When I replaced them at 25,000 miles I had many, many miles left on them, and I drove them extremely hard. They only showed noticeable wear on the front three' shoulders. I attribute this to the fact that the sidewall is very weak, allowed the tires to fold over a bit. But shoulder wear wouldn't be a problem if I drove them like they were designed. And that is soft. These are touring tires... do anything more. They are not meant to be pushed, and they complain when they do. They are meant for easy highway and gentle backroad driving. Turn in during aggressive drive there is a noticeable delay between the time you steer and when the car turns. They take their time in responding, and even more time settling in to the turn... howling their objection. They caused the car to plow (understeer) quite quickly and without pushing them hard. The sidewalls must be extremely weak, as I could feel the car wander when on ramps... It felt as though the rear end was wiggling back and forth. Left to right transitions also felt "squishy", almost as bad as the Blizzak snow tires I've had on this car at one time. Performance was also disappointing. Wet traction was at/below average, I never once drove in rain where the traction control did not kick in even under midlight throttle. I feel the front end lose grip on ramps and rotaries at speeds low enough to alarm.

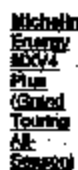
—Review submitted: 2002-11-18


Reviewer's Overall Rating: 8.13

 2004 Toyota Avalon XL3	More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle
Miles driven on tires:	25,000
Location:	Greensboro, NC
Driving Conditions:	Combined Highway/City
Driving Style:	Average

Very disappointed in the traction on snow as well as the tire life expectancy. I am an average driver who rotates tires every 5 to 6 thousand miles and I will be lucky to get 30,000 miles (28.8 tire pressure at the manufacturers suggested (32) and I am seeing more wear on the outside edges of the tire. I increased the tire pressure to 34 and all I am getting is a rougher ride.

—Review submitted: 2004-09-20


Reviewer's Overall Rating: 8.13

 2003 Mercedes-Benz C328 Sedan	More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle
Miles driven on tires:	10,000
Location:	Miami Beach, FL
Driving Conditions:	Combined Highway/City
Driving Style:	Spirited

I have not had a decent set of Michelin since the 1980s. These were the OE tires on my 03 C320 and they were so pathetic that I already replaced them with Bridgestone Potenza. The car is 100% better with the new tires. The Michelin only had 1 sidewall ply and flexed like crazy. Handling and steering were poor. The Michelin were only mediocre. The Bridgestones seem to defy the laws of physics when it is wet. I had max performance 8-03 Pole Positions on my 01 Mustang GT and these R250s are almost as good as plus they ride better, are quieter, and have a 50,000 mile treadwear warranty. I think anyone who buys anything but Bridgestones should have their head examined. Mercedes these Michelin tires on such expensive vehicles. Not only is the performance poor, but the tread was mostly gone at 17,200 miles!

—Review submitted: 2004-09-21

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Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: **8.22**



2003 Volkswagen Passat GLX 4Mot High

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 21,000
Location: Poughkeepsie, NY
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Spirited

Too soft and too expensive. I don't see the difference in quality or performance that warrants the extra cost over other brands. A sidewall bubble at 10k miles forced a \$150 replacement. T comfortable, and will last at the expense of road feel and handling. Good for casual drivers with fat wallets.

—Review submitted: 2004-09-11

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Reviewer's Overall Rating: **8.22**



1998 Honda Accord Coupe EX V6

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 38,500
Location: Cheyenne, WY
Driving Condition: Mostly City
Driving Style: Spirited

The factory stereo is very nice but I am so sick of cranking it up just to compete with the overbearing whistles from the Michelin that just keeps getting worse with age. Additionally, the tread away but the sidewalls are weather rotted after less than 3 years. 2 tires needed minify air ups lately, and the last time I did it, one of the sidewalls split at a particularly deep crack. If I wasnt the perfect choice of replacement tire that is QUIET....

—Review submitted: 2002-07-31

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
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Reviewer's Overall Rating: **8.33**



2001 Volkswagen New Passat GLX

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires:

62,080

Location:

Worcester, MA

Driving Condition:

All Highway

Driving Style:

Spirited

The Michelin MXV4 came as original fitment on my 2001.5 VW PASSAT GLX V6. The one thing that I'm impressed with on this tire is the tread wear. I still have maybe 5000 miles of tread after 62K miles! Ride comfort is very good and road noise minimal, though it is difficult for me to attribute it solely to tires since the car's suspension and sound insulation should credit. Wet traction is only average and during heavy down pours the car tends to hydroplane quite a bit even with full payload. Michelin needs to beef up the sidewall of the tire. I lost a bit of a small pothole. Considering the Turanza LS-V as the replacement. Watch for my review comparing the two.

—Review submitted: 2003-06-22

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
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Reviewer's Overall Rating: **6.44**



2001 Saab 9-5 SE 3.0T Wagon

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires:

30,080

Location:

Dryden, PA

Driving Condition:

Combined Highway/City

Driving Style:

Spirited

SORRY FOLKS: I think this tire fails in its mission. It purports to be a long lived, safe tire, but in fact, it is difficult to get 30,000 miles on the tire (granted, we have a heavy car); snow traction hydroplaning are very poor after just 20,000 miles; two of these tires have developed sidewall bulges from average use, no special load.

—Review submitted: 2004-02-17

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
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Reviewer's Overall Rating: **6.57**



2000 Toyota Avalon XLS

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires:

1,900

Location:

Atlanta, GA

Driving Condition:

Combined Highway/City

Driving Style:

Average

By
Michelin

I'm really dissatisfied with the handling characteristics of this tire. There's just no stiffness in the sidewall to speak of. The tires wobble under even mild turning loads. I feel like I'm driving on Twinkies. Toyota's OEM selection for the Avalon was not the best choice. The Dunlop A2s on our Camry LE 4 banger handled much better than these MXV4s, so I'm thinking of going with an Avalon. JNG Atlanta, GA

--Review submitted: 2003-03-23

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: **5.57**



1999 Volvo 740 Sedan

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 18,808
Location: San Juan capistrano, CA
Driving Condition: Mostly Highway
Driving Style: Spirited

These tires would be great for a more conservative style of driving, but when pushing through the corners, they have an annoying tendency to roll onto their sidewalls. However, their wet excellent ride comfort is improved over OEM.

--Review submitted: 2001-05-03

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
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Reviewer's Overall Rating: **6.53**



2000 Honda Accord Sedan EX V6 msi

[More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 33,808
Location: Apex, NC
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Average

Have these Michelin 205/60R16 MDV4plus as OEM on my Honda Accord coupe EX V6. At about 25000 miles a tire developed a sidewall bubble. Local tire dealer said the steel belt is pothole impact. Michelin will not warranty pothole damage. At 33000 another tire developed a sidewall bubble. Some explanation from local tire dealer. Potholes are very very rare in our Raleigh, North Carolina. RHO these tires are prone to sidewall problems.

--Review submitted: 2003-11-06

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
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Reviewer's Overall Rating: **7.38**

 2000 Honda Accord Sedan LX [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 22,000
Location: San Jose, CA
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Spirited

At first, I thought that got to be my problem. Just went to the post office and the sidewall of one of my Michelin Energy MXV4 Plus tires scratched a concrete block in the parking lot at least 1 PUFF. The sidewall was sliced open a 2-inch hole. This is the 3rd time in 3 years the same thing happened on these MXV4. I was so upset about myself for making such a stupid \$! after got home and read so many people reporting sidewall problems here about the MXV4. I am convinced that I need to switch to another brand. These MXV4 are out of consideration

—Review submitted: 2005-01-14

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 7.45

 2003 Volkswagen Passat GLX 4-Door [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 1,000
Location: Shavertown, PA
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Average

I recently had a flat tire with my Michelin Energy MXV4 Plus at 23,000 miles. My tire at the time had significant wear and I decided to buy two new tires. Overall the tires were excellent and in dry conditions. The roads in PA are rather rough with potholes etc. We also had a great deal of snow. I just recently hit a pothole with my new tires and my tire went flat immediately had luck with the Michelin Energy MXV4 Plus. Two flat tires in two months when I never had a flat tire before is a real issue. I love my car but not the tires. I will go with something less next time around. I definitely expected more for such an expensive tire.

—Review submitted: 2005-04-05

Michelin
Energy
MXV4
Plus
(Grand
Touring
All-
Season)

Reviewer's Overall Rating: 7.5

 2003 Volvo V70 2.4 [More Tire Reviews for This Vehicle](#)

Miles driven on tires: 25,000
Location: Jacksonville, FL
Driving Condition: Combined Highway/City
Driving Style: Easy Going

After only 25,000 relatively easy miles I had the right rear tire come apart at the side wall. The ride has always been very comfortable and the traction great but I need a tire that will last!

—Review submitted: 2004-10-11

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