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Ref. No. 10207156

Dear Dr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 2, 2007, concerning a problem you encountered with the Michelin Energy MXV4 Plus tires equipped on your model year (MY) 2005 Volvo V70 vehicle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on October 19, 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. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. 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 sidewall blowouts in Michelin Energy MXV4 Plus tires equipped on MY 2005 Volvo V70 vehicles. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation. 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 black ink, appearing to read "Ronald B. Fields". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ronald" being the most prominent.

Ronald B. Fields, Chief
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