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Michelin Tire Corp.
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Dear Sirs;

I would like to relate to you a potentially fatal incident involving your tire brand that occurred yesterday, 30 March 2008.

I own a 2005 Toyota Avalon Limited. On 30 March 2008 I took that car to Sam's Club #8225, 4701 Log Cabin Dr, Macon GA, 31052. I purchased two Michelin tires to be installed on the front wheels. The tire size was P215/55R17 93V Michelin Energy MXV4 S8. The tires were installed on the front wheels and my wife and I left for home.

I was driving south on Georgia I 75 for approximately twelve miles. I was in the center of three lanes and was traveling between 70 and 75 miles per hour. The traffic was heavy with vehicles on both my left and right sides. Suddenly, without warning, both front tires instantly disintegrated. I had not run over any type of foreign object on the highway. The vehicle began to swerve and was extremely difficult to handle. Fortunately, I was able to dive off the highway and onto the berm without contact with other vehicles.

I had the car towed back to Sam's Club. They removed what was left of the tires and examined them. It was their conclusion both tires were defective and the tread had separated from the sidewalls. They replaced the two tires with Goodyear brand tires of like size and speed rating.

I would hope that your company will follow up on this incident and thoroughly examine those tires for the root cause of the catastrophic failure. Although my wife and I were unharmed, the outcome could have been much more disastrous.

Thank you for your time,



cc: Sam's Club Corporate Headquarters
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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