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National Traffic Safety
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400 Seventh Street S.W.
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I purchased a 2009 Montana 3400 RL Fifth wheel RV
on July 20, 2009 at Master's RV in Spartanburg,
SC. The serial number on the RV is
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The first long trip we took with the RV was
across country from Georgia to California. On
our way home I knew to get an early start from
Barstow, CA in order to cross the desert before
it got too hot. We were traveling on I-40.

We were 66 miles west of Needles, CA when the
right front tire blew out. When we finally got
the rig stopped the blown tire had done over
\$1,000 in damage to the RV and wheel well areas.

Little did I know the Goodyear tires on the RV
were made in China. This occurrence was when I
learned about the blown tire
was Chinese and made with 2 ply sidewalls and 6
ply tread area.

Not only was mine and my wife's life endangered
from this incident but we also had to deal with

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the desert for 3 1/2 hours while our road service with Geico got to us and put on the spare tire. We were able to get out of the desert before the heat became unbearable.

We had the damage to the RV repaired at Master's RV in Greenwood, SC since the dealer in Spartanburg had gone out of business and moved to Greenwood.

On October 27, 2011 we were in route to Naples, FL to spend the winter months. Eighty-five miles from our destination the left front tire blew out on the RV. I was able to get the rig stopped with a lot less damage than before.

Goodyear has made good both tires. The problem, in my opinion, is the tires do not have enough carrying weight to carry this RV. Each tire can only carry a load of 1650 pounds at 80 psi. That is only a total of 6600 pounds for the entire RV. The GVWR is 15,930 pounds. The tires are size 235/90 R-16 and there are 4 tires on the RV.

I am a retired police officer and a graduate of Northwestern University Traffic Institute. I would like someone to explain to me how these tires could possibly carry the load of the rig even if it was empty. Not only made in China but not enough plies in sidewalls.

Furthermore, the tires are a E load range tire. I have Goodyear Wranglers on my truck and have 6 plies plus carry a load of 1650 pounds. They are made in the USA and are properly plied on sidewalls.

I am quite sure all these tires should be recalled as they are a safety hazard.

One of my neighbors here in Naples had 2 of these tires to blowout on his way here just a couple of weeks ago.

I would appreciate a reply on this matter. I am now afraid to even move the RV from the park here in Naples.

Sincerely,

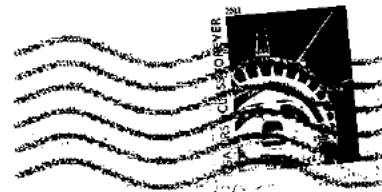


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