

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				FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148	
 U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration				Date Received AUG 19 2013 09-JUL-2013	Repository ☐
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)				Daytime Telephone Number	Email Address
Name					
Address					
City GARNAVILLO		State IA	Zip Code	Evening Telephone Number SAME AS ABOVE	
The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).					
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 52T3CH2B9CA			Make COACHMEN 34 ft	Model CATALINA CHAPARRAL	Model Year 2012
Date Purchased 8-15-11	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Coachmen RV 574 825 8360		Engine: No. Cylinders N/A	Fuel Type: N/A	
Original Owner ☐	Dealer's City Middlebury	State IN	Zip Code 46540		
Transmission Type N/A	☐ Antilock Brakes ☐ Cruise Control	Powertrain N/A	Multiple Failure: 3-Times	Incident Date(s) 03-JUN-2013	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Vehicle Component Codes: 190000 TIRES, 191000 TIRES: TREAD/BELT ST 225/75R15, DOT 2VMC, TR643, Radial Load Range D, Made in China			Failure Mileage LOSE THAN 10,000	Failure Speed 60	
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE					
Tire Make CING MADE Triangle	Tire Model (Name or Number) UNKNOWN Triangle TR-643		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) 225/75R15 ST 225/75R-15		
DOT No. (Example: DOTMAG9ABC036) DOT TP643 DOT-2VMC		☒ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair	Failure Location: DRIVER SIDE FRONT Trailer Tires		
Tire Component Code 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT Radial - Load Range D			Tire Failure Type: TREAD SEPARATION steal Belt showing		
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE					
Make:		Date Manufactured:		Model No./Name:	
Seat Type:		Installation System:			
Child Seat Component Code:		Failed Part:			
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 N/A	Number of Deaths N/A	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 2012 COACHMEN CHAPARRAL (N/A) FIFTH WHEEL EQUIPPED WITH TRIANGLE (N/A), TIRE SIZE ST 225/75/R/15. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL TIRES ISSUES WITH THE VEHICLE. THE FRONT DRIVER'S SIDE TIRE WAS EXHIBITING TREAD SEPARATION, THE REAR DRIVER'S SIDE TIRE EXPERIENCED TREAD AND BELT SEPARATION, AND THE PASSENGER'S SIDE TIRE WAS EXTREMELY BUSTED AROUND THE SIDES. THE FAILURE WAS REPORTED TO THE MANUFACTURER BUT THEY REFUSED TO OFFER ANY ASSISTANCE. THE TIRE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 10,000. THE FAILURE MILEAGE FOR THE VEHICLE WAS UNKNOWN. THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 10,000. THE VIN WAS NOT AVAILABLE. Excessive wear left Rear To light of a tire, Possible A public Hazard. Trailer App Weight 10,050 Cargo 1910 Hitch weight 1960					
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 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.					

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

Tire Failure with less than 10,000 miles on the 5th wheel. There was no damage or injury. It is my complaint the tires are over rated, and the Coachmen Camp are putting cheap tires on that are not rated for the weight of the unit, plus its cargo. I was lucky to find the problem when I got into my drive. Had they failed out on the way who knows where the unit would have end up. I for one don't want to kill someone else with over rated tires.

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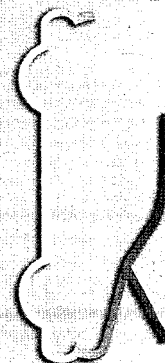
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has a safety defect?**



If so:

**Use the enclosed
form to file a report.**

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or call:

**Vehicle Safety Hotline
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With a \$35000.00 plus
unit. You would think
they would put on better
Tires.

Coachman RV, gets the
Tires from Lionhead
Tire and Wheel, 305
Stearns Ave., Boshen
Indiana 46516

Phone 574-295-3939

I still have the used
set of tires. They have
all been replaced at a
cost of \$740¹² to me.

A complaint has been
filed with the BBB of
Indiana on both companies.
This for they have refused
to address the problem.

Please Note

If you would take time to go to Coachmen RV. Com that will give you the weight numbers on these units.

The problem I had with Triangle Tires are rated for 2600 Each, Times 4 = 10400 lbs

As stated before the trailers dry weight is 10,050 and then you add your clothes that is allowed is 1910 lbs. That brings the weight to 11960 lbs. And then there is the hitch weight 1960 lbs, I have no idea how that is figured into all of this.

My point is Coachmen is pushing it real close to Tires

Tire. I feel with them cutting corners on their Cheep tires, they are putting the public at risk.

A little over Kill on the tires quality would be much safer for all.

Cheep is Cheep and if a quality tire was used I don't think anyone would say a thing if it cost them 200⁰⁰ or 300⁰⁰ more for a quality tire.

Thank You For Hearing Me Out.

