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Yes, this information and narrative are correct, there are 7 other similar complaints. There is one almost exact replication of the same failure to a BMW owner in 2019; statistically that is no coincidence! There is a serious manufacturing defect, if left unresolved, people will die!



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic: We would like to assure our customers that [REDACTED] remains 100% operational and on schedule with all areas of the organization. We have taken the necessary precautions to protect the health and safety of our staff, and our team continues to provide the highest level of service and support.

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U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
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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

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## OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

Morehead

State

KY

ZIP Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

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

MAKE  
BMWModel  
X6Model Year  
2018

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number  
Don Jacobs BMW (859) 276-Engine:  
No: Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner  

Dealer's City Lexington

STATE  
KYZIP Code  
40503

Transmission Type

 Antilock Brakes  
 Cruise Control

Powertrain

Multiple Failure:

Incident Date(s)  
11-MAY-2021

## FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Components Codes: 192000 TIRES:SIDEWALL

Failure Mileage  
26000.0Failure Speed  
70

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTMAL 9ABC036)

 Original Requirement  
 Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type:

## 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), Injury(ies).)

Crash

 Yes  No

Fire

 Yes  No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

N

**Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), 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).

The contact owns a 2018 BMW X6 equipped with Pirelli Scorpion Verde All Season tires, Tire Size: 255/50/R19, DOT number: UN64P9784417. While his wife was driving 70 MPH, the passenger's side rear tire delaminated two tread belts and began whipping inside of the wheel well. Due to the failure, a friction fire ignited inside the wheel well which caused two rows of the tread to separate from the tire. The contact's wife pulled off to the shoulder and pressed the emergency button for immediate assistance. The authorities were dispatched to the scene. There was no injury reported. The vehicle was towed to the dealer and the contact made the service representative aware of the failure. The contact was provided an estimate of \$5,000 in damages. The tire manufacturer was notified of the failure and the tire was sent to the Pirelli manufacturer for evaluation. The contact then received an email from the manufacturer stating they would not offer any assistance with the repair or replacement of the tire. The vehicle was repaired. The tire and vehicle failure mileages were approximately 26,000. The VIN was not available.

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 to 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.