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Subject: ODI Tire Performance Monitoring Program -
Ref: Investigation EA05-011

The purpose of this letter is to confirm that the Office of Defect Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) EA05-011 is maintaining the reporting requirements used during EA05-011 intended to monitor (1) all reported tire failures in Country Coach vehicles and (2) tire failures in peer (non-Country Coach) Class A motorhomes equipped with Toyo tires.

During investigation EA05-011, ODI requested both Country Coach and Toyo Tire (U.S.A.) Corporation to inform ODI of newly-reported tire failures so that ODI could interview owners, obtain tire samples for examination and/or testing, etc. before the tires were discarded, lost, or otherwise unavailable for investigation purposes.

As stated in ODI's closing report, ODI is continuing this monitoring process at both Country Coach and Toyo Tire (U.S.A.) Corporation until further notice.

Please continue to notify Tom Bowman of ODI (202-366-2583) by e-mail at tom.bowman@nhtsa.dot.gov within 48 hours that Toyo Tire (U.S.A.) Corporation learns of a front or rear tire failure, whether or not verified and regardless of vehicle age and incident circumstances, that occurs in any model year Country Coach or other Class A motorhome vehicle.



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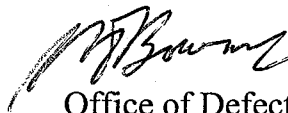
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Note that this request pertains to all Toyo tires known or claimed to have been installed in any make, any model, and any model year Class A motorhome including, but not limited to, Country Coach vehicles and includes all models and sizes of tires, whether the tires were installed as original or replacement equipment.

Toyo Tire should use the same reporting format that was used during EA05-011.

If Toyo Tire (U.S.A.) Corporation is aware of any tire failures that meet the above criteria and that have been reported since July 1, 2006, and not yet reported to ODI, please provide a one-time submission by December 31, 2006, that identifies these incidents.

Tom Bowman

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