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EA05-011

Harold Van Der Meijden
Toyo Tire (USA) Corporation
6261 Katella Avenue, Suite 2B
Cypress, CA 90630

Dear Mr. Van Der Meijden:

This letter is to inform you that the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has upgraded Recall Query RQ05-001 to Engineering Analysis EA05-011 to further investigate tire failures in Country Coach model year 1996-2000 Intrigue and Allure Recreational Vehicles (RVs).

This letter confirms ODI's verbal request that Toyo Tire notify ODI promptly of any newly reported tire failures (with incident details), regardless of the suspected cause, that are reported to Toyo Tire since February 28, 2005.

As part of this investigation, ODI is requesting Toyo Tire to provide prompt notification of any newly reported tire failures to ODI since the Agency may elect to have the tires retained and/or returned for inspection before the tire is replaced and the affected tire is discarded or lost. Accordingly, ODI is requesting that Toyo Tire notify ODI within 48 hours when Toyo Tire learns of a tire failure, whether installed in the front or rear positions, due to any cause, whether or not confirmed, regardless of vehicle age, and regardless of the suspected cause.

This reporting requirement is ongoing and terminates on June 30, 2006 but may be extended if circumstances warrant.

Each notification should be e-mailed to tom.bowman@nhtsa.dot.gov (phone 202-366-2583). The notification should provide as much of the following incident information as possible. Timeliness is critical. Any of the requested information



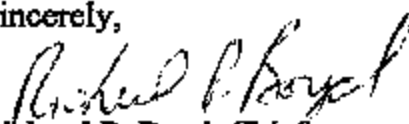
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that is not immediately available at the time of initial incident notification may be withheld at that time but must be provided as soon thereafter as practical. Each notification should, at a minimum, include the following information:

1. Toyo tires file number or other identifier used;
2. Vehicle owner or fleet name, address, and telephone number;
3. Vehicle's VIN;
4. Vehicle's make, model and model year;
5. Vehicle's mileage at the time of the incident;
6. Incident date;
7. Build date;
8. Purchase date;
9. Location of incident;
10. Current location of the vehicle and incident tire;
11. Report date;
12. Tire make, line, size, load range, speed rating and position;
13. Complete DOT tire TIN;
14. Whether a crash is alleged;
15. Number of alleged injuries, if any;
16. Number of alleged fatalities, if any; and,
17. Complaint summary.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Tom Bowman of my staff at (202) 366-2583.

Sincerely,


Richard P. Boyd, Chief
Medium & Heavy Duty Vehicle Division
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration