



U.S. Department
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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 14-031
Date Opened: 10/06/2014
Investigator: Nate Seymour **Reviewer:** Bruce York-B
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Steer Tire Failures

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: MICHELIN TIRE CORP.
Products: 2014 Michelin XZA 295/60/R22.5 tires
Population: 10,000 (Estimated)
Problem Description: The tire may fail catastrophically when used on the steer axle.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	6	0	6
Crashes/Fires:	7	0	7
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	1	0	1

*Description of Other: Police Accident Report

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has identified 6 Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQ) alleging steer tire failure involving the subject tire. Five of these reports are from a single fleet with each indicted a loss of vehicle control and subsequent crash. A Police Accident Report (PAR) related to one of the crashes was also received. In this report, the investigating officer suspected a tire defect was the cause of the crash.

All reports received involve truck/tractor & trailers configured as auto haulers. Multiple vehicle OEMs and trucking fleets are involved.

ODI has opened this PE to gather information and assess the frequency and scope of the alleged safety defect.

The following VOQs are related to this investigation: 10626628, 10626623, 10626610, 10626604, 10626593, and 10481621.