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Investigation: DP 17-001
Prompted by: Defect Petition
Date Opened: 03/07/2017
Investigator: Nate Seymour **Reviewer:** Bruce York-B
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: Michelin XZU-3 305/85/R22.5Tire Failures

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Michelin North America, Inc.
Products: 2015 XZU-3 Michelin 305/85/R22.5 Tires
Population: 10,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The XZU-3 305/85/R22.5 tire used in transit bus service may fail similar to those recalled in 2012 (12T-009)

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	1	TBD	TBD

***Description of Other:** Defect Petition

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Defect Petition has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) opened this assessment based on a Defect Petition letter received in July 2016 requesting ODI to investigate Michelin tire failures in certain XZU-3 305/85/R22.5 transit bus tires.

ODI searched its data base and found no Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQ) related to the Michelin XZU-3 tire.

The petitioner states that Michelin had previously recalled the XZU-3 tire in 2012. ODI received a voluntary recall from Michelin in 2012 (12T-009) which recalled 77,775 tires, including 48,755 XZU-3 tires produced between October 2005 and September 2011. ODI has no supporting data from Michelin to evaluate the root cause of the recalled tires or how the recall range was determined as this is not required for a voluntary recall.

ODI intends to gather information to assess the legitimacy of the petitioners claims that the subject Michelin tires are defective.