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NVS-215kjs
05T-022

Subject: FMVSS 119/PREMATURE TIRE WEAR

Dear MR. CRAWFORD:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information will be made accessible to the public.

Tire/Tire Line /Tire Size:

CONTINENTAL/CONTITRAC BSW/LT245/75R17 121/118S
CONTINENTAL/CONTITRAC TR BSW/LT275/70R18 125/122S
CONTINENTAL/CONTITRAC TR OWL/LT275/70R18 125/122S
CONTINENTAL/GENERAL GRABBER TR BSW/LT245/70R17 114/110S

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05T-022

Mfg's Report Date: November 21, 2005

Components:

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 34,396

Summary:

CERTAIN CONTINENTAL CONTITRAC TR OUTLINE WHITE LETTER (OWL), CONTITRAC TR BLACK SIDEWALL (BSW), GENERAL GRABBER TR BSW, AND CONTITRAC BSW TIRES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MAY 29 AND JUNE 11, 2005, SOLD AS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT ON CERTAIN FORD TRUCKS AND SOLD AS REPLACEMENT TIRES. THESE TIRES CAN WEAR PREMATURELY WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 119, NEW PNEUMATIC TIRES FOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN PASSENGER CARS.

Consequence:

PREMATURE TIRE WEAR CAN RESULT IN TIRE FAILURE AND POSSIBLY A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

CONTINENTAL WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE TIRES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON DECEMBER 21, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT CONTINENTAL AT 704-588-5895.

Notes:

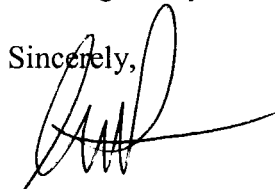
CUSTOMERS CAN CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following item:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on December 21, 2005. Since the campaign is expected to begin late in the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2006.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,


George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement