August XX, 2005

Dear Dealer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in all tires identified as follows:

**P185/65R14**  **Tubeless Radial**  **Standard Load**  **Cooper Trendsetter SE**

**Identification numbers:** 7D7JVBR4704 Thru 7D7JVBR5204 and 7D7JVBR0105 Thru 7D7JVBR1905

**P195/70R14**  **Tubeless Radial**  **Standard Load**  **Cooper Trendsetter SE**

**Identification numbers:** 7DRWVBR0405 Thru 7DRWVBR1905

Our company's surveillance indicates that the tires described above may contain an unidentified (and therefore unauthorized) foreign material in the upper sidewall region of the tire. The presence of this material may precipitate the formation of small, isolated voids which could result in early life loss of air pressure. The loss of air pressure will cause the tires to run under-inflated. An under-inflated condition will cause the tire to wear prematurely and result in early failure with vehicle crash the potential occurrence. Driving at highway speeds should be avoided until the tires have been inspected and replaced if they fall within the identification numbers shown above.

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company is recalling all of the tires with the identification number(s) above. Effective immediately, you or your dealers must not sell any of the tires listed and described above.

You should also comply with the following instructions regarding the return of new and used tires at no charge in accordance with such provisions.

**PROCEDURE FOR RETURN AND CREDIT OF RECALLED TIRES**

**NEW TIRES:**

All recalled new tires existing in your inventory, or in your sub-dealers' inventories, should be returned immediately in one shipment, freight collect to the designated inspection point for your area as indicated on the attached map. To assure proper handling, these tires should be listed on the attached Returned Goods Form and the form must accompany this shipment in the packing slip envelope provided. This envelope must be listed on the bill of lading as: "1 envelope - related shipping documents."

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Upon verification by Cooper that the tires returned are within the recall group, we will issue credit to you based upon your invoice price of the tires.

**USED TIRES:**

Cooper Tire’s registration records are being searched and consumers who have purchased tires with the subject identification number(s) are being notified of the RECALL. Attached for your information is a copy of the notification being sent to such consumers. Tires removed from consumer vehicles as a result of this RECALL should be replaced with tires of like size and construction bearing identification numbers other than those listed above.

We have advised the consumer to return his recalled tire(s) and his letter to you. If your inspection verifies that the consumer has a tire(s) with the suspect identification number, the tire(s) should be replaced, mounted and balanced at no charge, if presented for remedy within sixty (60) days after (i) receipt of this letter or (ii) notice that a replacement tire(s) is available (if not available at the time of the inspection). It is expected that replacement tire(s) will be available at the time of inspection, however, if the tires are not available at the time of inspection, they will be available within twenty-one (21) days. After expiration of the sixty (60) days, tires will be replaced under our normal adjustment policy.

We have advised the consumer that it will take approximately thirty (30) minutes each to replace the recalled tires. For any tires removed from consumer vehicles during such sixty (60) day period, Cooper Tire will authorize an allowance of $10.00 per tire to cover mounting and balancing.

"YOU ARE PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW FROM SELLING NEW OR USED TIRES COVERED BY THIS NOTIFICATION."

Tires removed from consumer vehicles must be listed on our standard Tire and Tube Claim Form. The Claim Form must be properly completed and signed by the consumer and the consumer’s copy of the recall letter attached. This claim form must accompany the shipment according to standard adjustment procedures.

For the purpose of the RECALL, the Claim Form must include RECALL tires only. The word "RECALL" must be printed directly below the name and address on the claim form. All tires should be identified in crayon with the Claim Form reference number per standard adjustment procedures.

Upon verification by Cooper Tire, credit will be issued to you on a no charge replacement basis if replaced by you and returned to Cooper on or before ninety (90) days after notice of this RECALL.

You should return in one shipment all recalled used tires to the inspection point as indicated on the attached map. These tires should be classified as SCRAP and shipped as SCRAP RUBBER TIRES, freight collect. Freight collect privileges apply only within the prescribed time period. Any tires returned after the designated time will be handled under our regular adjustment procedures.

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Cooper Tire requests that you advise it of those customers of yours, if any, who have purchased any of the tires described above for which registration forms have not previously been submitted so that such customers can be advised of the recall and the replacement of their recalled tires can be scheduled.

If you have any questions pertaining to the implementation of this RECALL or need assistance, please contact Cooper Tire Consumer Relations Department (800) 854-6288.

Sincerely,

Darren R. Lepper
Manager, Claims Administration

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Attachments