



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

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NVS-215KS  
15T-012

**Subject:** Tread Separation

Dear Harald Morgenstern:

This letter serves to acknowledge Continental Tire the Americas, LLC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/P205/65R15 95T EXTRA LOAD

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 7, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15T-012

**Components:**

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3,826

**Problem Description:**

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (CTA) is recalling certain ContiProContact tires, size P205/65R15 95T Extra Load, manufactured February 8, 2015, to February 14, 2015, sold as aftermarket replacement tires. The affected tires may experience a tread separation.

**Consequence:**

A tire tread separation may result in sudden air loss, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

**Remedy:**

CTA will notify owners, and dealers will replace the affected tires and provide reimbursement to owners who replaced tires prior to the recall campaign. The recall is expected to begin in August 2015. CTA's number for this recall is 1-888-799-2168.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received CTA's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement