



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

February 10, 2017

Mr. John Emerson  
Michelin North America, Inc.  
One Parkway South  
Greenville, SC 29615

NEF-150KS  
15T-020

**Subject:** Lack of DOT Symbol and Load Range Letter/FMVSS 119

Dear Mr. Emerson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Michelin North America, Inc.'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:**

MICHELIN/X WORKS XZY/315/80R22.5 156/150K

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 18, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15T-020

**Components:**

TIRES:MARKINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 247

**Problem Description:**

Michelin North America, Inc. (Michelin) is recalling certain Michelin X Works XZY tires, size 315/80R22.5 156/150K, manufactured from January 1, 2011, to July 31, 2015. The affected tires lack the required DOT symbol and load range letter designation, and, as such, they fail to conform to the requirements of U.S Code 30112 and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 119, "New Pneumatic Tires for Motor Vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) and Motorcycles."

**Consequence:**

The subject tires comply with all FMVSS performances but are missing the DOT symbol, creating confusion with tires that do not comply with these requirements. Tires that do not comply with FMVSS requirements may increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Michelin will notify owners and will either correct the tires by permanently applying the required markings or replace the tires with a similar product, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on February 13, 2017. Owners may contact Michelin at 1-888-847-8475.

**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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received Michelin'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).

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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement