



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

January 4, 2016

Mr. Jay McCracken  
Assistant Secretary  
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.  
701 Lima Avenue  
Findlay, OH 45840

NVS-215KS  
15T-022

**Subject:** Tread May Crack/FMVSS 139

Dear Mr. McCracken:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.'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:**

COOPER/COOPER ZEON LTZ/275/55R20 XL

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 10, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15T-022

**Components:**

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 153

**Problem Description:**

Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. (Cooper) is recalling certain Cooper Zeon LTZ tires size 275/55R20 XL Extra Load tubeless tires manufactured September 1, 2015, to September 14, 2015. The affected tires may experience tread cracking or tread lug chunking during use. As such, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles."

**Consequence:**

Tread cracking or tread lug chunking may cause a loss of tire pressure, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Cooper will notify owners, and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2016. Owners may contact Cooper customer service at 1-800-854-6288. Cooper's number for this recall is 161.

**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 Cooper'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).

The information in your report suggests that Cooper may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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