Part 573 Safety Recall Report

15T-022

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.
Submission Date : JAN 04, 2016
NHTSA Recall No. : 15T-022
Manufacturer Recall No. : 161

Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.
Address : 701 Lima Avenue
Findlay OH 45840
Company phone : 4194206040

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 153
Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Tire Information :

Tire Brand : Cooper Tire
Tire Line : Cooper Zeon LTZ
Tire Size : 275/55R20 XL
Descriptive Information : 275/55R20; Extra Load Tubeless Radial tires
Mfg. Sept. 1, 2015 – Sept. 14, 2015

Production Dates : SEP 01, 2015 - SEP 14, 2015

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
UT	Y1	CN9	3515	3715

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : The affected tires fail to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR 571.139 S6.3 Tire Endurance; specifically S6.3.2.(a). At various distances during the specified endurance test, the subject tires may develop and exhibit tread lug chunking or tread edge cracking.
FMVSS 1 : 139 - New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles
FMVSS 2 : NR
Description of the Safety Risk : Subject tires may develop and exhibit tread lug chunking or tread edge cracking. If left unattended, the tire could lose air and risk loss of steering control and may contribute or result in a vehicle crash.
Description of the Cause : The existence of the condition was determined by a review of wheel test results and visual analysis
Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On 9/11/15, our Texarkana Plant Tire Testing Technician identified the initial low test result of 3620 kilometers on a routine surveillance tire that had been produced during DOT serial week 3515. A back-up tire was then tested as per our verification testing protocol. On 9/14/15, this second tire failed to complete tire endurance phase of the test at 2055 kilometers. Production of the affected spec was stopped immediately and further testing initiated. A total of six additional tires have been tested with similar results. Only one out of the eight tires tested completed the test without condition. Cooper began our identification, sorting and verifying process to identify and locate the affected tires. It was determined that during DOT serial weeks 3515 – 3715, there was a total net cure of 1,166 tires of which we accounted for 1,013 tires in our warehouses. It was determined that 153 tires were distributed and on December 4, 2015 a final determination was made that a non-compliance existed as to those 153 tires. Cooper is voluntarily recalling those 153 tires.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Tires with the affected DOT serial week and year identification numbers should be shipped to one of our Regional Inspection Points. All tires returned to Cooper will be inspected for the correct DOT identification number and all tires found to have the affected DOT serial numbers will be scrapped.
The tires located in our inventory count reconciliation will also be scrapped.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The tires being recalled differ from similar items in that they were molded with a different DOT serial week and year in accordance with 49 CFR 574.5.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Our inventory has been completely sorted for these tires. During DOT serial weeks 3515 – 3715, there was a total net cure of 1,166 tires of which we have accounted for 1,013 tires in our warehouses. There were 153 tires distributed. Cooper is voluntarily recalling these 153 tires.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Notifications will be sent to Dealers and Customers on December 21, 2015.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 21, 2015 - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 21, 2015 - NR

Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR
Company Phone : NR

* NR - Not Reported