Part 573 Safety Recall Report 16T-005

Manufacturer Name :	Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations,LLC
Submission Date :	MAY 09, 2016
NHTSA Recall No. :	16T-005
Manufacturer Recall No. :	NR

Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name :	Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC
Address :	535 Marriott Drive Nashville TN 37214
Company phone :	1-800-847-3272

Population :

Number of potentially involved :	8
Estimated percentage with defect :	100 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 :	Firestone
Tire Line :	Champion Fuel Fighter
Tire Size :	205/70R15
Descriptive Information :	The subject tires are passenger car tires available in the replacement market.
Production Dates :	MAR 27, 2016 - APR 09, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code	End M Code
W2	YT	CF1	1316	1416

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect :	Subject tires within the two-week tire production period include a component lot which may exhibit inconsistent rubber coverage of the steel plies.
FMVSS 1 :	NR
FMVSS 2 :	NR
Description of the Safety Risk :	If undetected, this condition may result in a tread separation, which could lead to a crash.
Description of the Cause :	Due to a production error, an off-spec roll of material was used in the manufacture of the subject component until an operator noticed the condition.
Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :	A driver may experience a vibration that precedes a tire failure.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name :	NR
Address :	NR
	NR
Country :	NR

Chronology :

On April 7, 2016, an operator observed the condition in a rejected steel ply and the plant began an investigation. On April 11, 2016, BATO Quality was notified that the condition may be present in completed tires manufactured with the subject component. An internal freeze was issued to contain tire production lots that may have included tires produced with the subject component. On April 12, 2016, BATO determined some tires from the two-week production period including the subject tires had previously been shipped to independent dealers and distributors outside of BATO's control. On April 15, 2016, BATO began instructing independent dealers and distributors that may have received tires produced during the two-week production period (including the subject tires) to freeze their inventory pending further review. As of April 19, 2016, 56 tires with the subject component have not been recovered. BATO is continuing to review dealer inventory to determine if any tires with the subject component have been sold to customers. BATO has been contacted by one independent dealer who indicated it had sold 4 tires produced in the two-week production period. The independent dealer has contacted the customer to bring the tires back in for inspection to determine whether the tires contain the subject component based on barcodes.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	BATO has issued freezes to its internal warehouses, company-owned distribution centers and stores, and independent dealers and distributors and is in the process of retrieving the tires before they are sold to customers. BATO will replace any of the 56 tires sold to independent dealers or customers.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	The remedy tires do not contain the component with the condition.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	After discovering the condition on April 7, 2016, BATO ceased using the affected component in production.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	BATO has notified all independent dealers that received the subject tires to freeze their inventory. BATO will follow-up this freeze with an official notification letter pursuant to 49 CFR 577 with instructions on how to destroy and return the subject tires. If it is determined that any tires have been sold to customers for installation on vehicles, BATO will notify the customers with an official notification letter approved by NHTSA.
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	NR - NR
Planned Owner Notification Date :	NR - 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