Part 573 Safety Recall Report 16T-018

Manufacturer Name : Pirelli Tire LLC
Submission Date : NOV 16, 2016
NHTSA Recall No. : 16T-018
Manufacturer Recall No. : NR

Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Pirelli Tire LLC
Address : 100 Pirelli Drive
P.O. Box 700 Rome GA 30161
Company phone : 7063685800

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 1,190
Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : Pirelli
Tire Line : P Zero All Season
Tire Size : 275/40R19 101W
Descriptive Information : The P Zero All Season is an ultra-high performance tire designed as an original equipment fitment exclusively for certain Maserati cars.
Production Dates : FEB 29, 2016 - OCT 29, 2016

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code	End M Code
XB	Y2	U352	0916	4316

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Due to a production error, these tires were built with an incorrect carcass component.
FMVSS 1 : NR
FMVSS 2 : NR
Description of the Safety Risk : The tire may experience cracking in the lower sidewall as the tire reaches the end of its tread life. If the cracking remains undetected, it could ultimately lead to an air loss and potential loss of control of the car.
Description of the Cause : An incorrect tire building specification was used.
Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Possible surface cracking may occur in the lower sidewall of the tire as the tire reaches the end of its tread life.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name :	NR
Address :	NR
	NR
Country :	NR

Chronology :

On October 27, 2016, while performing control plan testing on tires from production week 43 of year 2016, one tire did not meet the requirements of Pirelli's internal testing specifications. Examination of the tire determined that there was an incorrectly sized component present. Pirelli immediately began a check of production tires on both sides of that week, which determined the production range of tires with the issue. Sample tires were subjected to the entire Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 139, New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles, and all tires successfully passed all tests.
All stock in all Pirelli warehouses was checked to determine if any tires from the affected production range were present; none were found.
On November 8, 2016, even though the tires passed all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, Pirelli decided to conduct a recall of the affected tires out of an abundance of caution.
Maserati SpA was notified on November 8, 2016 so that it could be determined which cars had the affected tires fitted to them. They informed Pirelli that they assigned internal recall #324 to this matter.
Pirelli is not aware of any returns or any reports of accidents or issues related to this condition.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Pirelli will work with Maserati to arrange to have replacement tires installed on vehicles that remain in its or its dealers' inventory prior to delivery to purchasers or lessors. Letters will also be sent to each of the distributors and dealers who purchased tires for the replacement market, directing them to check their inventory to inspect the date code to determine if they have any affected tires. Pirelli will work with Maserati to identify and notify any affected owners. Pirelli will also notify all customers for whom we have registration information, along with customers that our distributors can identify, directing them to visit a Pirelli dealer to have their tires checked. all tires with a date code reflecting production during the affected period will be exchanged at no cost to the customer (including labor for mounting and balancing). All recalled tires will be rendered inoperable by the dealer, returned to the Pirelli Warranty Center, and given to our tire recycling company for proper disposal.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	The remedy tire has the correct tire components.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	The proper tire building specification is being used to build tires, starting with week 44 production.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	Direct communication with Maserati is on-going with respect to the process of having the tires changed on cars in their possession. The letters for dealers and customers are being prepared.
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	NOV 22, 2016 - DEC 22, 2016
Planned Owner Notification Date :	NOV 30, 2016 - DEC 30, 2016

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