



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Kathleen Cindric  
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.  
701 Lima Avenue  
Findlay, OH 45840

NEF-150KS  
17T-019

**Subject:** Separation of the Tire Belt

Dear Ms. Cindric:

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 COBRA RADIAL G/T/P215/70R14  
COOPER/COOPER COBRA RADIAL G/T/P225/70R14  
COOPER/COOPER COBRA RADIAL G/T/P225/70R15  
COOPER/TRENDSETTER SE/P205/75R15  
COOPER/TRENDSETTER SE/P235/75R15  
CORNELL/CORNELL 1000/P235/75R15  
EL DORADO/GOLDEN FURY GFT/P205/75R15  
FUTURA/FUTURA GLS SUPER SPORT/P225/70R14  
MASTERCRAFT/A/S IV/P205/75R15  
MASTERCRAFT/A/S IV/P235/75R15  
MASTERCRAFT/AVENGER G/T/P225/70R14  
MASTERCRAFT/MC-440/185/60R15  
MASTERCRAFT/MC-440/205/55R16  
MASTERCRAFT/MC-440/215/60R16  
MASTERCRAFT/MC-440/225/60R16  
MASTERCRAFT/MC-440/225/60R17  
STARFIRE/RS-C 2.0/205/55R16  
STARFIRE/RS-C 2.0/215/60R16  
STARFIRE/SF-340/P185/60R15  
STARFIRE/SF-340/P215/60R16  
STARFIRE/SF-340/P215/65R16  
STARFIRE/SF-340/P225/60R16  
VANDERBILT/TURBO-TECH G/T RADIAL/P225/70R14

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 14, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17T-019

**Components:**

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 41,014

**Problem Description:**

Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. (Cooper) is recalling certain Cooper Cobra Radial G/T tires, sizes P215/70R14, P225/70R14 and P225/70R15, Cornell 1000 tires, size P235/75R15, El Dorado Golden Fury GFT tires, size P205/75R15, Futura GLS Super Sport tires, size P225/70R14, Mastercraft Avenger G/T tires, size P225/70R14, Mastercraft MC-440 tires, sizes 185/60R15, 215/60R16, 225/60R16, 225/60R17 and 205/55R16, Starfire RS-C 2.0 tires, sizes 215/60R16 and 205/55R16, Starfire SF-340 tires, sizes P215/65R16, P185/60R15, P215/60R16 and P225/60R16, Cooper Trendsetter SE tires, sizes P205/75R15 and P235/75R15, Mastercraft A/S IV tires, sizes P205/75R15 and P235/75R15, and Vanderbilt Turbo-Tech G/T Radial tires, size P225/70R14. These tires were manufactured with an incorrect belt rubber compound that may result in poor adhesion of the rubber to the belt wires, potentially resulting in a belt separation.

**Consequence:**

If the belt separates from the tire it can cause loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Cooper will notify owners, and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Cooper customer service at 1-800-854-6288. Cooper's number for this recall is 170.

**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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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