

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 17T-019

**Manufacturer Name :** Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.**Submission Date :** JAN 03, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17T-019**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 170**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire &amp; Rubber Co.

Address : 701 Lima Avenue

Findlay OH 45840

Company phone : 4194206040

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 41,014

Estimated percentage with defect : 5 %

**Tire Information :**

Tire Brand 1 : Cooper

Tire Line : Cobra Radial G/T

Tire Size : P215/70R14

**Descriptive Information :** The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from February 5, 2017 through February 11, 2017. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code that contain the incorrect rubber compound.

Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 11, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	HY	C28	0617	0617

Tire Brand 2 : Cooper

Tire Line : Cobra Radial G/T

Tire Size : P225/70R14

**Descriptive Information :** The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from February 5, 2017 through February 18, 2017. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code that contain the incorrect rubber compound.

Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	FC	C28	0617	0717

Tire Brand 3 : Cooper

Tire Line : Cobra Radial G/T

Tire Size : P225/70R15

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**Production Dates :** FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	UU	C28	0617	0717

Tire Brand 4 : Cornell

Tire Line : 1000

Tire Size : P235/75R15

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**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	HL	XH3	0617	0617

Tire Brand 5 : El Dorado

Tire Line : Golden Fury GFT

Tire Size : P205/75R15

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**Production Dates :** FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 11, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	UL	EK2	0617	0617

Tire Brand 6 : Futura

Tire Line : GLS SUPER SPORT

Tire Size : P225/70R14

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2017. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code that contain the incorrect rubber compound.

Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 11, 2017

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	FC	XBH	0617	0617

Tire Brand 7 : Mastercraft

Tire Line : AVENGER G/T

Tire Size : P225/70R14

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	FC	FF6	0617	0717

Tire Brand 8 : Mastercraft

Tire Line : MC-440

Tire Size : 185/60R15

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from February 5, 2017 through February 18, 2017. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code that contain the incorrect rubber compound.

Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	90	FW8	0617	0717

Tire Brand 9 : Mastercraft

Tire Line : MC-440

Tire Size : 215/60R16

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	5M	FW8	0617	0717

Tire Brand 10 : Mastercraft

Tire Line : MC-440

Tire Size : 225/60R16

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from February 5, 2017 through February 18, 2017. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code that contain the incorrect rubber compound.

Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	X3	FW8	0617	0717

Tire Brand 11 : Mastercraft

Tire Line : MC-440

Tire Size : 225/60R17

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 11, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	41	FW8	0617	0617

Tire Brand 12 : Mastercraft

Tire Line : MC-440

Tire Size : 205/55R16

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	0F	FW9	0617	0717

Tire Brand 13 : Starfire  
Tire Line : RS-C 2.0  
Tire Size : 205/55R16

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	0F	LMU	0617	0717

Tire Brand 14 : Starfire  
Tire Line : RS-C 2.0  
Tire Size : 205/55R16

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	0F	LDJ	0617	0717

Tire Brand 15 : Starfire  
Tire Line : RS-C 2.0  
Tire Size : 215/60R16

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	5M	LDJ	0617	0717

Tire Brand 16 : Starfire  
Tire Line : SF-340  
Tire Size : P185/60R15

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**Production Dates :** FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### **TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	MF	XKV	0617	0717

**Tire Brand 17 :** Starfire

**Tire Line :** SF-340

**Tire Size :** P215/60R16

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**Production Dates :** FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### **TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	X8	XKV	0617	0717

**Tire Brand 18 :** Starfire

**Tire Line :** SF-340

**Tire Size :** P225/60R16

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**Production Dates :** FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### **TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	X0	XKV	0617	0717

**Tire Brand 19 :** Starfire

**Tire Line :** SF-340

**Tire Size :** P215/65R16

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**Production Dates :** FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	2H	XKV	0617	0717

**Tire Brand 20 :** Cooper

**Tire Line :** TRENDSETTER SE

**Tire Size :** P205/75R15

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**Production Dates :** FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	UL	C2T	0617	0717

**Tire Brand 21 :** Cooper

**Tire Line :** TRENDSETTER SE

**Tire Size :** P235/75R15

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**Production Dates :** FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	HL	C2T	0617	0717

**Tire Brand 22 :** Mastercraft

**Tire Line :** A/S IV

**Tire Size :** P205/75R15

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	UL	FEB	0617	0717

Tire Brand 23 : Mastercraft

Tire Line : A/S IV

Tire Size : P235/75R15

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 18, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	HL	FEB	0617	0717

Tire Brand 24 : Vanderbilt

Tire Line : TURBO-TECH G/T RADIAL

Tire Size : P225/70R14

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Production Dates : FEB 05, 2017 - FEB 11, 2017

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
R7	FC	T22	0617	0617

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The subject tires were manufactured with an incorrect belt rubber compound that may result in poor adhesion of the rubber to the belt wires causing a separation.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR



**Description of the Safety Risk :** The affected tires may develop an in-service audible noise, unsatisfactory ride condition, belt separation, or distortion in the tread area that if undetected may ultimately result in a tire failure leading to the loss of vehicle control and increase the risk of a crash.

**Description of the Cause :** Improper rubber compound used to manufacture belt material

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** Some affected tires may have a visually distorted tread condition that could be detected prior to being placed in-service. In-service conditions may be a ride disturbance or belt separation that may be felt in the vehicle steering or ride.

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

**Name :** CORPORACION DE OCCIDENTE, SA DE CV

**Address :** KM 3.5 CARR. EL SALTO VIA LA CAPILLA COL  
EL SALTO JALISCO FOREIGN STATES CP 45680

**Country :** Mexico

## Chronology :

On November 20, 2017, after a review of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper Tire) adjustment data for week 06/17 and 07/17, Cooper Tire located and inspected returned tires manufactured within the suspect weeks.

On November 27, 2017, lab testing was initiated.

On December 4, 2017, lab testing analysis was completed.

On December 5, 2017, a determination was made that a wrong compound had been used in producing the subject tires. This conclusion was supported by a review of Occidente plant production records. A search of internal inventories was completed.

On December 7, 2017, Cooper Tire's Compliance Committee determined that a potential safety condition exists in the subject tires. Cooper Tire is voluntarily recalling these 41,014 tires. There have been no property damage or death or injury claims associated with any of these tires.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Cooper Tire & Rubber Company will initiate a voluntary safety recall of the subject tires, and customers that may have purchased the subject tires will be contacted. This correspondence will explain the issue, and include instructions as to how to obtain replacement tires, as well as instructions for collecting reimbursement for remedies made prior to recall. The 41,014 tires with affected identification numbers should be returned to one of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company's independent dealers, where they will be inspected for the affected DOT tire identification numbers. All tires found to have an affected DOT identification number will be replaced and will be scrapped according to applicable law. Consumer who have had their tires replaced before this recall may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall.

In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 573.6(c)(9)(i), Cooper Tire & Rubber Company will make dealers aware of the legal requirements associated with the prohibition against the sale of recalled tires through a Dealer Notification Letter that will be submitted to the agency separately pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 573.6(c)(10). The program for disposing of all recalled tires returned to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company will comply with applicable state and local laws and regulations regarding the disposal of tires, and to the extent possible, tires will be channeled into a category of positive reuse or another alternative beneficial non-vehicular reuse, instead of being disposed of in landfills.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component will have a unique DOT code.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The issue resolved when the improper rubber compound material was no longer available for use. The manufacturer determined that use of the improper compound was limited to one skid and that the skid was consumed within the two impacted weeks.

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JAN 02, 2018 - JAN 05, 2018

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