Part 573 Safety Recall Report 18T-012

Manufacturer Name : Continental Tire the Americas, LLC.
Submission Date : SEP 11, 2018
NHTSA Recall No. : 18T-012
Manufacturer Recall No. : NR

Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Continental Tire the Americas, LLC.
Address : 1830 Macmillan Park Drive
Fort Mill SC 29707
Company phone : 704-583-4882

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 1,990
Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : CONTINENTAL TIRE
Tire Line : Conti Hybrid HS3
Tire Size : 11R22.5 LI 146/143 LR H
Descriptive Information : Commercial truck steer tires manufactured in Continental Tire the Americas, LLC's ("CTA") Mt. Vernon, IL plant. Tires produced after DOT week 1318 have an improved specification.
Production Dates : FEB 25, 2018 - APR 07, 2018

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
A3	3T	KWUY	0818	1318

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Visible cords through the innerliner.
FMVSS 1 : NR
FMVSS 2 : NR
Description of the Safety Risk : Affected tires may experience a sudden air loss, which could result in a loss of control potentially leading to a risk of serious injury or death.
Description of the Cause : The tires were manufactured with a tight steel carcass ply.
Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Affected tires may exhibit a bulge or blister in the sidewall.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name :	NR
Address :	NR
	NR
Country :	NR

Chronology :

In April of 2018, two tires from DOT week 1218 were crosssectioned and analyzed as part of a production quality check. Results were positive with no findings of cords through innerliner.
On July 23, 2018, CTA received a complaint of one tire with cords through the innerliner. (DOT week 1218). The tire was shipped to CTA and analysis started on August 3, 2018.
On August 22, 2018, CTA was notified of a single vehicle accident involving a steer tire with pressure loss. No personal injuries were reported.
On August 22, 2018, CTA was also notified of three tires with a suspect condition and two tires with pressure loss from a large fleet customer. Two tires were from DOT week 0918, two tires from DOT week 1018, and one tire from DOT week 1118. CTA requested that these tires be shipped to the CTA warranty center for further analysis.
On August 24, 2018, the issue was communicated internally and a management review meeting was scheduled to determine what actions need to be taken.
On September 4, 2018, Continental Tire management concluded that a safety related issue exists and therefore decided on a safety recall for all affected tires remaining in the market. A comprehensive root cause investigation is underway.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	CTA will conduct a safety recall campaign to replace the subject tires that have been sold into the market. All known customers will be notified and given instructions on how to identify the subject tires and instructions on how to return of affected tires. Reimbursement will cover the full replacement cost, including FET, delivery comission and labor to mount/ dismount and balancing.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	Remedy tires are from outside of the affected production weeks of DOT week 0818 through 1318. This tire SKU was not in production from DOT week 1418 through 2718. Production restarted with an optimized specification in DOT week 2818 (July 15, 2018). These tires were sold as part number (article #) 0511079.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	The specification for this tire was optimized before production restarted on July 15, 2018.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	CTA will notify all customers distributors, fleets, as well as all independent outlets that are authorized to replace the tires that are the subject of this recall, of their responsibilities in accordance with Section 573.6(c)(9). Distributors and outlets will be instructed to return affected tires to CTA to ensure tires are rendered unserviceable and disposed of properly.
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	SEP 17, 2018 - SEP 28, 2018
Planned Owner Notification Date :	SEP 17, 2018 - SEP 28, 2018

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 :	Daimler Trucks North America
Address :	4555 N. Channel Avenue Portland OR 97217
Country :	US
Company Phone :	NR

* NR - Not Reported