

Defect Information Report
(Section 573.6)

FL-778

Date of Submission: *July 18 2018*

Manufacturer: Daimler Trucks North America LLC
P.O. BOX 3849
Portland, Oregon 97208

Type of Report: Safety Defect Non-Compliance

Vehicle Information

Model Yr. Start: 2019 Model Yr. End: 2019

Make: *Freightliner*

Model: *Cascadia*

Production Dates: Begin: *03/20/2018*
End: *03/27/2018*

Descriptive Information: *Vehicles equipped with certain Conti Coach HA3 Tires*

Number potentially involved: 10 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 100%

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Continental Tire The Americas, LLC. States per Recall 18T-008 "The Conti Coach HA3 315/80R22.5 157/154 L tires may have "Visible Cords through the innerliner"

Describe the safety risk:

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC. States per Recall 18T-008 "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."

If applicable, identify the manufacture of the defective or noncompliant component.

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

Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

Provide the chronology of events leading up to the defect decision or test data for the noncompliance decision.:

In June 2018, DTNA was notified of recall 18T-008 related to certain Continental "Conti Coach HA3" Tires. DTNA began an investigation to determine the scope of the issue. On July 12th 2018, DTNA decided to initiate a voluntary safety recall for vehicles equipped with the potential defective Continental tires.

Identify the Remedy

Describe the defect/noncompliance remedy program, including the manufacture's plan for reimbursement.

Affected tires will be inspected and replaced where required. Repairs will be performed by Continental Tire The Americas, LLC. authorized service facilities. Copies of reimbursement plans will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

Identify the Recall Schedule

Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:

DTNA will notify affected customers. Customer notifications will be made by first class mail using Daimler Trucks North America records to determine the customers affected.

Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:	<i>09/15/2018</i>
Planned Dealer Notification End Date:	<i>09/15/2018</i>
Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:	<i>09/15/2018</i>
Planned Owner Notification End Date:	<i>09/15/2018</i>

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): *FL-778*

DTNA Representative;



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Part 573 Safety Recall Report**18T-008****Manufacturer Name :** Continental Tire the Americas, LLC.**Submission Date :** JUN 05, 2018**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18T-008**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 :** 3,917**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %**Tire Information :****Tire Brand 1 :** CONTINENTAL TIRE**Tire Line :** Conti Coach HA3**Tire Size :** 315/80R22.5 157/154 L

Descriptive Information : Commercial truck tires manufactured in Continental Tire the Americas, LLC's ("CTA") Mt. Vernon, IL plant. Tires from production weeks 0318, 0418 and 0818 were complained in the field, but in an abundance of caution, CTA management decided to initiate this recall for all potentially affected tires from the start of production in DOT week 3517 until DOT week 1618, when production ceased.

Production Dates : AUG 27, 2017 - APR 28, 2018**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
A3	72	KWUU	3517	1618

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 : CTA has not yet determined a root cause.

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 DOT week 3517, CTA started production of this tire in its Mt. Vernon, Illinois plant. On April 24, 2018, CTA began receiving warranty complaints in the Mexico market. An inspection of these tires revealed visible cords through the innerliner in tires produced in DOT weeks 0318 and 0418. On April 26, 2018, CTA placed a quality hold on these tires. On April 27, 2018, CTA stopped production of these tires in its Mt. Vernon plant and initiated an investigation regarding the cause of the visible cords through the innerliner. To date, CTA has not yet determined a root cause. In an abundance of caution, on May 29, 2018, CTA management decided to initiate this recall for all potentially affected tires from the start of production in DOT week 3517 until DOT week 1618, when production ceased. As of June 1, 2018, eleven tires with the condition were complained in Mexico plus one tire complained in the Canada market. No accidents, no deaths, no injuries, and no property damages have been reported.

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 : The remedy tires will be equivalent Continental 315/80R22.5 load Range L tires which are not affected by the recall condition. The recalled tire is a 315/80R22.5 157/154 L Conti Coach HA3 - Article number 05110750000.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Production of the affected tire was stopped in DOT week 1618 and has not been restarted.

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 for disposal.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 18, 2018 - JUL 06, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 18, 2018 - JUL 06, 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