

Defect Information Report

(Section 573.6)

FL-790

Date of Submission: **September 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, Western Star

Model: 108SD, 114SD, 122SD, 4700, 4900, Business class M2

Production Dates: Begin: 06/14/2018
End: 08/28/2018

Descriptive Information: *Above-referenced vehicles equipped with Bridgestone M864, M860A & M854 tires*

Number potentially involved: 201 Estimated percentage of involve with defect: 100%

Defect / Noncompliance Description

For this Defect/Noncompliance:

Describe the defect or noncompliance:

Bridgestone documentation states that "The subject tires may not comply with the endurance test requirements as prescribed under Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards." Additionally it states that "In affected tires, there may be a risk of exposure of steel body cores in the sidewall to the environment, which could lead to deterioration of the cords in that area."

If a noncompliance, provide the applicable FMVSS:

Describe the safety risk:

Bridgestone documentation states that, "If a rapid air loss occurs due to that condition while the vehicle is operating, there may be an increased risk of a crash."

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

*Bridgestone Americas Tire Operation, LLC
200 4th Avenue South
Nashville, TN 37201*

Chronology of Defect / Noncompliance Determination

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

In September 2018, DTNA was notified by Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC of a tire recall. DTNA determined that a safety related defect exists in vehicles equipped with certain Bridgestone tires and decided to initiate a voluntary recall campaign in an abundance of caution.

Identify the Remedy

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

DTNA will inspect and replace affected tires where required. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities. Copies of the reimbursement plan will be submitted as a supplemental report when available.

Identify the Recall Schedule

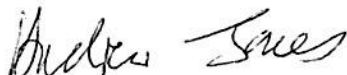
Describe the recall schedule for notifications.:

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

Planned Dealer Notification Begin Date:	<i>11/16/2018</i>
Planned Dealer Notification End Date:	<i>11/16/2018</i>
Planned Owner Notification Begin Date:	<i>11/16/2018</i>
Planned Owner Notification End Date:	<i>11/16/2018</i>

Manufacture's identification code for this recall (if applicable): *FL-790*

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