

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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NEF-150CL
19T-009

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**Subject:** Thin Innerliner Guage May Cause Tire Failure

Dear Mr. Graham

Melksham SN 128AA

This letter serves to acknowledge Cooper Tire & Rubber Company Europe Ltd.'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:

AVON/COBRA CHROME/240/50R16

Mfr's Report Date: November 5, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19T-009

**Components:** 

**TIRES** 

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 163

### **Problem Description:**

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company Europe Ltd. (Cooper Europe) is recalling certain Avon Cobra Chrome motorcycle tires, size 240/50R16, manufactured April 8, 2019 through June 1, 2019 (DOT date codes 1418-2119). The innerliner gauge may be too thin, possibly resulting in a rapid deflation of the tire.

## **Consequence:**

Rapid tire deflation can reduce vehicle control and increase the risk of a crash.

# Remedy:

Cooper Europe will notify owners, and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall began November 18, 2019. Owners may contact Cooper Tire customer service at 1-800-854-6288 or email tyrerecall@coopertire.com. Cooper Tire's number for this recall is 174.

## **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.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 Choon Lee who may be reached by phone at 202 366 0388, or by email at choon.lee@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

