

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

January 2, 2020

Ms. June Satterfield Director, Industry Standards & Government Regulations Michelin North America, Inc. 1 Parkway South

Greenville, SC 29615

Subject: Improperly Labeled Tires/FMVSS 139

Dear Ms. Satterfield:

This letter serves to acknowledge Michelin North America, Inc.'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.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150CL

19T-025

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MICHELIN/CROSS CLIMATE +/225/60R17 103V XL

Mfr's Report Date: December 20, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19T-025

Components:

TIRES:MARKINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 32

Problem Description:

Michelin North America, Inc. (Michelin) is recalling certain CrossClimate+ tires in size 225/60R17 103V XL tires with DOT date code 4618. The tires are not marked with the required UTQG treadwear, traction or temperature gradings. In addition, on the designated outboard sidewall and on the inboard sidewall, the "DOT" certification symbol, which precedes the TIN (Tire Identification Number) has not been molded into the sidewall. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles."

Consequence

Without the proper markings, the tires may not be used in the appropriate driving conditions, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Michelin will notify owners, and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 30, 2020. Owners may contact Michelin customer service at 1-866-324-2835.

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.



Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), 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).

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

