

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19T-005

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.**Submission Date :** JUN 05, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19T-005**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 172**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.

Address : 701 Lima Avenue

Findlay OH 45840

Company phone : 4194206040

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 24,459

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : Cooper

Tire Line : Discoverer SRX

Tire Size : 235/65R18

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from September 23, 2018 through October 20, 2018. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. The affected number of products related to this specific TIN is 3460 units.

Production Dates : SEP 23, 2018 - OCT 20, 2018

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
UP	LM	1D3	3818	4118

Tire Brand 2 : Cooper

Tire Line : Evolution H/T

Tire Size : 235/65R18

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from July 22, 2018 through October 20, 2018. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. The affected number of products related to this specific TIN is 6902 units.

Production Dates : JUL 22, 2018 - OCT 20, 2018

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
UP	LM	1LE	2918	4118

Tire Brand 3 : Big O
 Tire Line : Big Foot A/S
 Tire Size : 235/65R18

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from July 22, 2018 through September 8, 2018. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. The affected number of products related to this specific TIN is 962 units.

Production Dates : JUL 22, 2018 - SEP 08, 2018

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
UP	LM	2C2	2918	3518

Tire Brand 4 : Les Schwab
 Tire Line : Back Country QS3 Touring HT
 Tire Size : 235/65R18

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from September 16, 2018 through October 20, 2018. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. The affected number of products related to this specific TIN is 1132 units.

Production Dates : SEP 16, 2018 - OCT 20, 2018

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
UP	LM	DRW	3718	4118

Tire Brand 5 : Mastercraft
 Tire Line : Courser HSX Tour
 Tire Size : 235/65R18

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from July 22, 2018 through September 8, 2018. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. The affected number of products related to this specific TIN is 3418 units.

Production Dates : JUL 22, 2018 - SEP 08, 2018

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
UP	LM	FXF	2918	3518

Tire Brand 6 : Cooper
Tire Line : Discoverer HTP
Tire Size : 235/65R18

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from August 19, 2018 through October 20, 2018. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. The affected number of products related to this specific TIN is 3941 units.

Production Dates : AUG 19, 2018 - OCT 20, 2018

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
UP	LM	XNU	3318	4118

Tire Brand 7 : Cooper
Tire Line : Adventurer H/T CUV
Tire Size : 235/65R18

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from July 29, 2018 through October 20, 2018. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. The affected number of products related to this specific TIN is 4644 units.

Production Dates : JUL 29, 2018 - OCT 20, 2018

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
UP	LM	1HT	3018	4118

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The subject tires as manufactured may have ply cord distortion that under certain conditions could develop into a parting of the lower sidewall compounds extending to the cord material.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the condition exists undetected and the tire remains in-service, affected tires may develop an in-service unsatisfactory ride condition or lower sidewall degradation ultimately resulting in an increased potential of tire failure that could lead to the loss of inflation pressure, vehicle control, and increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The affected tires may have a visual anomaly in the lower sidewall. In-service conditions may include a ride disturbance or in certain cases, vehicle steering or ride may be impacted, providing operator notice.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Company
Address : 701 Lima Avenue
Findlay OHIO 45840
Country : United States

Chronology :

An analysis of warranty data conducted in May of 2019 revealed an increased rate of return for the subject tires in the first quarter of 2019. As a result, Cooper conducted a search of internal inventories and located (5) of the subject tires and began an internal review of returned tires available at our Findlay Regional Inspection Point.

On or about May 16 through May 28, 2019, Cooper Tire conducted visual inspections and internal testing on the returned tires and tires located within Cooper's warehouse. Sample tires were produced during DOT serial weeks 3118, 3518, 3818, and 4118. While all tires completed internal endurance testing without failure, the inspected tires exhibited a flex related anomaly in the lower sidewall bead area. Additionally, cut tire analysis of the tested tires revealed ply cord distortion. One tire exhibited a parting of the lower sidewall bead area compounds that extended to the cord material.

On May 31, 2019, Cooper Tire's Compliance Committee determined that a potential safety condition exists in the subject tires. Cooper Tire is voluntarily recalling these 24,459 tires. There have been no property damage or death or injury claims associated with any of these tires.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper Tire) will initiate a voluntary safety recall of the subject tires. Cooper Tire will contact registered owners that purchased tires of the specified date range by registered mail. Customer correspondence will explain the issue, and include instructions on how to obtain replacement tires, as well as instructions for collecting reimbursement for remedies made prior to recall. The 24,459 tires with affected identification numbers should be returned to one of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company's Regional Inspection Points, where they will be inspected for the affected DOT tire identification numbers. All tires found to have an affected DOT identification number will be replaced and will be scrapped according to applicable law. Consumer who have had their tires replaced before this recall may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall.

In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 573.6(c) (9) (i), Cooper Tire & Rubber Company will make dealers aware of the legal requirements associated with the prohibition against the sale of recalled tires through a Dealer Notification Letter that will be submitted to the agency separately pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 573.6(c) (10). The program for disposing of all recalled tires returned to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company will comply with applicable state and local laws and regulations regarding the disposal of tires, and to the extent possible, tires will be channeled into a category of positive reuse or another alternative beneficial non-vehicular reuse, instead of being disposed of in landfills.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component will have a unique DOT code.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The issue resolved when changes to the tire specifications were introduced into production.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : The Dealer notification letters will be mailed between June 10, 2019 and June 24, 2019. The Tire owner notification letters will be mailed as soon as NHTSA approval is received, but in no case later than 60 days from June 5, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 10, 2019 - JUN 24, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

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 : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR
Company Phone : NR

* NR - Not Reported