

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 19T-009

**Manufacturer Name :** Cooper Tire & Rubber Company Europe Ltd.

**Submission Date :** NOV 06, 2019

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19T-009

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 174



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Cooper Tire & Rubber Company  
Europe Ltd.

**Address :** Bath Road  
Melksham 00 SN12 8AA

**Company phone :** 1225 703101

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 163

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

## Tire Information :

**Tire Brand 1 :** Avon

**Tire Line :** Cobra Chrome

**Tire Size :** 240/50R16

**Descriptive Information :** The affected population is certain radial tubeless motorcycle tires produced by the manufacturer from February 18, 2018 through May 25, 2019. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code.

**Production Dates :** FEB 18, 2018 - JUN 01, 2019

## TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
AT	6D	28	1418	2119

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** The subject tires as manufactured may have thin innerliner gauge that under certain conditions could develop into a tire failure.

**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 innerliner degradation ultimately resulting in an increased potential of tire failure that could lead to the rapid 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 on the inside innerliner surface. 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 : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

A customer notified Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. Europe, Ltd. (Cooper Europe) that while testing the product on a vehicle, the customer experienced an on-road rapid deflation failure at low mileage. Cooper Europe initiated an investigation and determined that the tire experienced impact damage, but also exhibited visual exposed cord in the innerliner.

On or about October 2019, Cooper Europe conducted a search of internal inventories and inspected the products within its control. Cooper Europe also conducted FMVSS 571.119 endurance testing on the products. Testing revealed that the products met the minimum government standards.

On October 30, 2019, Cooper Tire's Compliance Committee determined that a potential safety condition exists in the subject tires. Cooper Tire is voluntarily recalling these 163 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 Europe Ltd. (Cooper Europe) will initiate a voluntary safety recall of the subject tires. Cooper Europe 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 163 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. Consumers 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 Europe 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 be the same brand/size tire (Avon Cobra Chrome 240/50 R16), but will have a unique DOT code as the serial weeks will differ. The unique DOT code will distinguish the remedy component from the recalled component, which bears DOT code AT 6D 28 1418 - 2119. The component's material number (90000031510) will not change.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : In March of 2019, the technical team identified a visual anomaly in the subject product which was corrected through a specification change in serial week 2219.

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR  
Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 18, 2019 - DEC 09, 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