



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150CL
20T-012

Subject: Incorrectly Labeled Sidewalls/FMVSS 119

Dear Ms. Albano:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC'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:

BRIDGESTONE/V-STEEL HIGHWAY SERVICE/445/95R25
BRIDGESTONE/V-STEEL SNOW WEDGE/385/95R25

Mfr's Report Date: June 30, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20T-012

Components:

TIRES:MARKINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 203

Problem Description:

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations LLC (BATO) is recalling certain V-Steel Snow Wedge tires, size 385/95R25, and V-Steel Highway Service tires, size 445/95R25, designed for use on mobile cranes. The affected tires do not include the DOT symbol, tire identification number, maximum speed, maximum load and corresponding inflation pressure, and ply number/composition markings on the tire sidewall. Note: The tires do contain alpha-numeric sidewall markings for both the load index and speed rating, however these markings are not displayed in the required format. As such, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 119, "New Pneumatic Tires, Other than Passenger Cars."

Consequence:

If the operator unknowingly exceeds the maximum speed, load, and corresponding inflation pressure specifications, there may be an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

BATO will notify owners, and dealers will replace the subject tires with a comparable Bridgestone brand or other suitable replacement, free of charge. This recall is expected to begin August 14, 2020. Owners may contact BATO customer service at 1-800-847-3272.

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