

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 20T-018

**Manufacturer Name :** Continental Tire the Americas, LLC.**Submission Date :** SEP 24, 2020**NHTSA Recall No. :** 20T-018**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Continental Tire the Americas, LLC.

Address : 1830 Macmillan Park Drive

Fort Mill SC 29707

Company phone : 704-583-4882

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 55,199

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

**Tire Information :**

Tire Brand 1 : Continental Tire

Tire Line : CrossContact LX Sport

Tire Size : 245/50R20 102H

**Descriptive Information :** Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (CTA) performed a detailed analysis of all curing cycle data to identify potentially affected tires and was able to determine that 14 tires were shipped to Honda plants and two into the replacement market.

Production Dates : JUL 19, 2020 - AUG 08, 2020

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
A3	76	D3K9	2920	3120

Tire Brand 2 : Continental Tire

Tire Line : CrossContact LX Sport

Tire Size : 245/50R20 102H

**Descriptive Information :** Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (CTA) performed a detailed analysis of all curing cycle data to identify potentially affected tires and was able to determine that 14 tires were shipped to Honda plants and two into the replacement market.

Production Dates : AUG 23, 2020 - AUG 29, 2020

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
A3	76	D3K9	3420	3420

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Affected tires have an overcure condition.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Affected tires may experience a carcass break in the sidewall with sudden air loss or could develop a belt edge separation which could lead to a partial or full tread/belt loss. These conditions could increase the risk of serious injury or death.

Description of the Cause : The affected tires were cured for a time beyond the specification limits and were shipped to Honda plants and the replacement market.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Tires may experience a sudden air loss without warning while others may exhibit localized tread wear, excessive vibration, and/or bulging in the tread area.

**Involved Components :**

Component Name : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

August 21, 2020: Honda Manufacturing Alabama reported two tires which experienced rapid air loss on Honda's plant property.

August 24, 2020: A CTA representative from the Mt. Vernon plant travelled to the Honda plant to assess the situation. Initial findings indicated potential mounting damage as the cause of the failures. The two tires and

rims were shipped to CTA's Plant Mt. Vernon for further investigation and arrived on August 26, 2020.

September 11, 2020: Tire analysis revealed that both tires had an overcure condition. The Mt. Vernon plant immediately started a detailed analysis of tire curing data. During that investigation, CTA discovered that three additional tires were cured beyond the specification limit and shipped to a Honda plant. Containment actions were immediately triggered at CTA and the Honda locations.

September 13, 2020: CTA discovered that eight additional tires were cured beyond the specification limit and shipped to a Honda plant.

September 18, 2020: CTA's Product Integrity Committee convened and determined that the manufacturing defect presents an unreasonable risk to safety and made the decision to initiate this recall. CTA is not aware of any claims of personal injury or death involving these tires.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : CTA will conduct a safety recall campaign to replace the subject tires that have been sold, either as original equipment tires, replacement tires, or are in dealer inventories. All known customers, distributors, dealers and independent outlets will receive notification of the campaign, instructions on how to identify the subject tires, information regarding removal of the subject tires from service, and instructions on the return/disposal of affected tires. CTA will offer to reimburse the replacement cost for any customer who, prior to this campaign, replaced these tires due to the condition described above.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : "The remedy tires will be offered under the same product article number from DOT production weeks not affected by the condition. Article No. 0354249 - 245/50R20 102H - Continental CrossContact LX Sport "

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : CTA will notify distributors, as well as all independent outlets that are authorized to replace the tires that are the subject of this recall, of their responsibilities in accordance with Section 573.6(c)(9). Distributors and outlets will be instructed to return affected tires to CTA for disposal.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

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 : American Honda Motor Co., Inc

Address : 1919 Torrance Blvd.

Torrance CA 90501-2746

Country : US

Company Phone : NR

\* NR - Not Reported