



Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC
200 4th Avenue South
Nashville, TN USA 37201

July 8, 2020

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

Dear Bridgestone Authorized Dealer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC (“BATO”) has decided that certain Bridgestone V-Steel Highway Service and Bridgestone V-Steel Snow Wedge tires fail to conform with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 119 (S6.5 Tire markings). These tires are specially designed for mobile crane applications and may be used on highways. The tires may also be used in off-the-road logging applications. These tires were sold in the replacement market. BATO has initiated a voluntary recall of these tires.

- Bridgestone V-Steel Highway Service in tire size 445/95R25 manufactured between November 29, 2018 and June 9, 2019.
- Bridgestone V-Steel Snow Wedge in tire size 385/95R25 manufactured between November 5, 2018 and December 11, 2018.

You are receiving this letter because records indicate that you may have purchased tires that may be the subject of this safety recall. Further, BATO is required to advise you of certain tire dealer obligations, which are detailed on pages 2 through 4 of this notice.

I. REASON FOR THE RECALL

The subject tires do not comply with the requirements as prescribed under Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. The tires do not include on the tire sidewall the DOT symbol, the tire identification number, maximum speed, maximum load and corresponding inflation pressure, and ply number/composition markings.

Due to lack of required maximum speed, load and corresponding inflation pressure information on the tire sidewall, the tires may be subject to improper installation, use or service. Improper installation or application may increase the risk of a vehicle crash. The tires comply with all FMVSS 119 performance requirements and are otherwise identical to fully marked tires intended for public road use in the United States market.

II. TIRE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Consistent with the company’s longstanding commitment to safety, customer satisfaction and service, owners of any affected tires that match the unique serial numbers in **Appendix A** are urged to contact an authorized Bridgestone dealer to arrange verification and replacement at no charge through January 31, 2021.

Any tire that is the subject of this recall will be replaced with a comparable Bridgestone tire. Replacement tires are available as of July 7, 2020. In the event a Bridgestone brand tire is not currently available, a suitable competitive product may be used as a replacement tire.

III. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY DEALERS

Due to this safety recall and applicable federal law, you are required to take the following actions:

1) Inventory (New/Never Mounted) Recalled Tires.

Examine your tire inventory. To determine if you have received tires that are included in this recall, please check the serial number found on the sidewall of the tire as explained in Appendix A. *(Please note that the tires do not have a DOT tire identification number but instead have a unique serial number on the tire – please ensure to refer to Appendix A.)*

If you have tires that meet the above description, immediately stop the sale. Immediately count your inventory of affected tires and record the specific tire serial numbers. Provide this information to your Bridgestone OTR Sales representative.

All tires removed from inventory or service under this recall campaign must be rendered permanently unserviceable. To render the tire unserviceable, skive the serial numbers and cut the bead. Promptly provide photographic evidence of the recalled tire’s serial number and evidence that the tire was properly rendered unserviceable to your Bridgestone OTR Sales representative to submit via the standard OTR Warranty and Adjustment process.

2) Provide BATO the List of Owners of Recalled Tires

Please check your sales records to determine if, between February 11, 2019 to present, you have sold or leased any of the voluntary safety recall tires listed in the table above. If you find that you have sold or leased any of the voluntary safety recall tires, please send the following information for each customer to BATO so that the customer can be added to the voluntary safety recall mailing list:

Customer Name:	
Address (street, city, state zip code):	
Telephone:	

Date of Sale/Mounting:	
Quantity Sold/Mounted:	
Article Number:	
Serial Numbers:	

Please send the customer information by:

Email: Cust-Info@bfusa.com (Preferred Method)

Subject Line should read: 2020 Mobile Crane Tire Recall

or Mail:

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC

2020 Mobile Crane Tire Safety Recall

Attention: Samuel Emery

200 4th Avenue South

Nashville, TN 37201 USA

Customers who are identified as potential purchasers of the affected tires will be issued a letter requesting that the owner check all tires fitting the description above to determine if they are subject to the voluntary safety recall. If the customer is unable to determine whether the tires are part of this recall, the customer will be instructed to contact their authorized Bridgestone OTR dealer.

3) Replacement of Mounted Recalled Tires

Customers who visit an authorized Bridgestone OTR dealer in connection with this recall must have all tires inspected to determine whether the tire serial numbers are an exact match. Please make sure to check each tire closely. If the serial numbers do not exactly match the description in Appendix A, the tire is not part of the recall.

Utilize the standard OTR Warranty and Adjustment process to have the recalled tires processed by your Bridgestone OTR Sales representative. Retailers who provide services to remove and replace the voluntary safety recall tires will be reimbursed at service and labor rates in effect at the time of replacement.

All tires removed from service under this recall campaign must be rendered permanently unserviceable. To render the tire unserviceable, skive the serial numbers and cut the bead. Promptly provide photographic evidence of the recalled tire's serial number and evidence that the tire was properly rendered unserviceable to your Bridgestone OTR Sales representative to be processed for warranty. All subject tires must be properly disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and should be channeled, where possible, into a category of positive reuse. If you have any questions, or are unable to comply with these instructions, please contact your Bridgestone OTR Sales representative.

4) **Disposition of Safety Recall Tires**

BATO is required to advise you of the following information:

**IT IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW FOR A DEALER TO
SELL, LEASE, REUSE, OR RESELL A RECALLED TIRE.**

If a dealer knowingly sells or leases new or used recalled tires; the sale must be reported to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to www.safercar.gov within five working days of such a release to report the following information:

- 1) A statement that a report is being submitted pursuant to 49 CFR 573.10(a);
- 2) The name, address, and phone number of the person who purchased or leased the tire;
- 3) The name of the manufacturer of the tire;
- 4) The tire's brand name, model name, and size;
- 5) The tire DOT identification number;
- 6) The date of the sale or lease; and
- 7) The name, address, and telephone number of the seller or lessor.

These notifications and instructions must be communicated to all employees of this dealership who are involved in the inspection and removal of recalled tires.

III. BRIDGESTONE'S COMMITMENT

We are committed to safety, customer satisfaction, and service. If you have any additional questions, please contact your Bridgestone OTR Sales representative for further assistance.

We regret the inconvenience that this recall may cause you, but we are certain you will understand our commitment to the safety of your customers.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC

APPENDIX A

DESCRIPTION OF TIRES COVERED AND HOW TO IDENTIFY THEM

The following tires are subject to this recall:

- Bridgestone V-Steel Highway Service in tire size 445/95R25 manufactured between November 29, 2018 and June 9, 2019.
- Bridgestone V-Steel Snow Wedge in tire size 385/95R25 manufactured between November 5, 2018 and December 11, 2018.

If you believe you may have one of these tires, please examine the sidewalls of your tires to see if any of them match the tire serial numbers provided in the below chart.

The tire's serial number can be found on the sidewall just above the rim. Please refer to the visual example below.



Any tires that match the serial numbers provided below are subject to this recall and should be replaced.

Material: 430841 Product: Bridgestone VHS 445/95R25								
Canada = 2	USA = 197							
F9Y485486	F8J483282	F9L182091	F9S181155	F9S285008	F9Y183873	F9Y283060	F9Y286456	F9Y481441
F9Y485498	F8J483286	F9L184694	F9S181157	F9S285016	F9Y183874	F9Y283061	F9Y286457	F9Y481442
	F8J483486	F9L184695	F9S181158	F9S285551	F9Y183877	F9Y283062	F9Y286460	F9Y481443
	F8J483541	F9L184696	F9S181159	F9S285556	F9Y183878	F9Y283063	F9Y286461	F9Y481444
	F8J483543	F9L184697	F9S181160	F9S285557	F9Y183879	F9Y283064	F9Y286462	F9Y481445
	F8J483927	F9L185431	F9S181161	F9S285558	F9Y183929	F9Y283065	F9Y286463	F9Y481575
	F8J483929	F9L185432	F9S181226	F9S285564	F9Y183931	F9Y283066	F9Y286464	F9Y481637
	F8J484050	F9L185749	F9S181227	F9S285566	F9Y183932	F9Y283067	F9Y286465	F9Y481639
	F9A184001	F9L185750	F9S181228	F9S285567	F9Y183933	F9Y283068	F9Y286466	F9Y481645
	F9A184002	F9L282801	F9S181229	F9Y181167	F9Y183935	F9Y283069	F9Y286467	F9Y481649
	F9A184003	F9L282802	F9S181233	F9Y181169	F9Y183936	F9Y283070	F9Y286469	F9Y481650
	F9A184004	F9L282803	F9S181234	F9Y181170	F9Y183937	F9Y283072	F9Y286471	F9Y485243
	F9E484646	F9L282804	F9S181235	F9Y181171	F9Y186485	F9Y283074	F9Y286472	F9Y485244
	F9E484647	F9L282805	F9S181237	F9Y181173	F9Y186486	F9Y283075	F9Y286473	F9Y485481
	F9E485291	F9R183053	F9S184493	F9Y181175	F9Y186488	F9Y283076	F9Y286474	F9Y485483
	F9L182015	F9R183054	F9S184495	F9Y183087	F9Y186489	F9Y283077	F9Y286482	F9Y485484
	F9L182016	F9R183055	F9S184496	F9Y183089	F9Y186490	F9Y283080	F9Y286483	F9Y485485
	F9L182017	F9R183056	F9S184499	F9Y183091	F9Y186491	F9Y283081	F9Y286484	F9Y485491
	F9L182018	F9R183057	F9S184500	F9Y183093	F9Y186492	F9Y283083	F9Y286488	F9Y485492
	F9L182019	F9R183082	F9S185695	F9Y183200	F9Y283051	F9Y283084	F9Y286492	F9Y485493
	F9L182026	F9R183083	F9S185697	F9Y183647	F9Y283054	F9Y283091	F9Y286493	F9Y485496
	F9L182027	F9R183084	F9S185699	F9Y183648	F9Y283055	F9Y286451	F9Y286494	F9Y485500
	F9L182028	F9R183085	F9S185700	F9Y183649	F9Y283056	F9Y286452	F9Y286495	
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	F9L182030	F9S181151	F9S285007	F9Y183872	F9Y283058	F9Y286455	F9Y481091	

Material: 425078 Product: Bridgestone VSW 385/95R25								
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F8J181241	F8J186136	F8J381480	F8J481162	F8J485014	F8J485067	F8K183260	F8K186035	F8K185331
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F8J181244	F8J186139	F8J381483	F8J481165	F8J485017	F8J485070	F8K185316	F8K186040	F8K186032
F8J181245	F8J186140	F8J381484	F8J481166	F8J485018	F8J485071	F8K185318	F8K186041	F8K186034
F8J185317	F8J186141	F8J381485	F8J481167	F8J485019	F8J485072	F8K185320	F8K186042	
F8J185333	F8J186142	F8J381486	F8J481171	F8J485020	F8J485073	F8K185321	F8K186043	
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