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Mr. Jeff Giuseppe
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
Room W48-302
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Giuseppe:

We are transmitting the enclosed Defect Information Report in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

According to Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (CTA) Defect Information Report #20T-018, certain Continental brand tires that they manufactured may contain a safety defect. Some of the potentially affected tires may be installed on certain Model Year 2020 Nissan Altima vehicles outlined in section 2 below.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek Latta", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Derek Latta
Manager,
Technical Compliance

Encl.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer:

Nissan North America Inc., Smyrna Plant
Nissan North America, Inc., Canton Plant

The tire manufacturer is:

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC.
1830 Macmillan Park Drive
Fort Mill, SC 29707

Harald Morgenstern
Manager, NHTSA Compliance
704-583-4877 (Direct Line)

For additional details on the equipment manufacturer, please see CTA Defect Information Report #20T-018.

2. Units Potentially Involved:

This issue affects certain Nissan Altima S grade models equipped with Continental ProContact TX tires (215/60 R16 H) with TIN date code 3320 and Mold ID S-419149; part number: OETIR03035

Vehicles involved:

| Model Year | Model | Manufacturing Range |
|-------------------|---------------|---|
| MY 2020 | Nissan Altima | September 2, 2020 to September 29, 2020 |

No other Nissan or Infiniti vehicles are affected by this issue because the affected tires (described in Section 5 below) are unique to this model and dates of manufacture.

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

According to CTA Defect Information Report #20T-018, 39 affected tires were shipped to OEM and Replacement market customers. CTA has informed Nissan that it shipped two (2) affected tires to Nissan among 403 tires molded with the same TIN date code and Mold ID. Nissan has identified 2,214 vehicles that may have been fitted with these subject tires.

4. Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

According to CTA Defect Information Report #20T-018, the forecasted incident rate based on the 2 tires shipped to Nissan potentially containing the defect is 0.09%.

5. Description of the Defect:

Please see CTA Defect Information Report #20T-018.

The affected Nissan Altima vehicles may be equipped with the subject tires. According to CTA, the affected Continental brand tires may have been over cured due to a tire press PLC logic error and subsequent improper scrap handling during manufacturing. As a result, the affected tires may experience a carcass break in the sidewall with sudden air loss, or they could develop a belt edge separation that could lead to a partial or full tread/belt loss.

Affected tires may experience a sudden air loss without warning while others may exhibit localized tread wear which may manifest as excessive vibration and/or bulging in the tread area. These conditions could increase the risk of serious injury or death.

6. Chronology of Principle Events:

September 25, 2020 – Nissan received notification from CTA about an over cure condition that occurred on certain tires that were shipped to OEM and replacement market customers. Nissan determined some of the potentially affected tires are used on certain Nissan Altima vehicles.

October 2020 to November 2020 - Nissan began an internal investigation into the issue. Specifically, Nissan conducted plant audits at both its Smyrna, TN and Canton, MS plants to determine if any suspect tires were in inventory or installed on production vehicles. The audit did not show any affected tires in inventory or on production vehicles.

During this time, Nissan met multiple times with CTA and continued to conduct internal meetings to understand CTA's investigation and evaluate the scope of affected tires. On October 26, CTA submitted a Defect Information Report concerning the subject tires and subsequently provided additional information concerning the potential quantity of subject tires shipped to Nissan. Nissan then identified the production period of potentially affected vehicles based on the information provided by CTA.

November 4, 2020 – Based on the foregoing, Nissan decided to conduct a safety recall campaign to remedy affected vehicles.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan will notify all owners of potentially affected vehicles on December 10, 2020. Dealers will be notified on November 6, 2020. Dealers will inspect the sidewalls of all four (4) tires for a specific TIN date code and MOLD ID number. If any subject tires are found, the dealer will remove and replace the tires with new ones. All removed tires will have two holes drilled through the sidewall and be disposed according to local regulations.

Nissan will coordinate with CTA concerning the appropriate instructions for any reimbursement requests.

8. Copy of Notices:

Copies of all notices will be provided to NHTSA as they become available.