



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

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NEF-150CL  
21T-001

**Subject:** Tire Failure may Cause Sudden Air Loss

Dear Mr. Morgenstern:

This letter serves to acknowledge Continental Tire the Americas, 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:**

BARUM/BRAVURIS 3 HM/215/55 R 16 97H  
CONTINENTAL/4X4 CONTACT/255/50 R 19 107H  
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/205/65 R 16 95H  
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/215/55 R 16 97H  
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/235/40 R 19 92H  
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/235/45 R 19 95H  
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/235/55 R 17 99H  
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/P215/60 R 16 94T  
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT SSR/245/45 R 18 100V  
CONTINENTAL/CONTISPORTCONTACT 5/255/45 R 20 101W  
CONTINENTAL/CONTITRAC/LT275/65 R 18 123/120S  
CONTINENTAL/CONTROLCONTACT TOUR A/S PLUS/225/55 R 17 97H  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX/225/65 R 17 102T  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/235/65 R 18 106H  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/245/50R20 102H  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/245/60 R 18 105T  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/255/50 R 19 107H  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/255/50 R 20 105T  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/255/50R20 105T  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/265/45 R 20 108H  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/265/45 R 21 104V  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX20/235/60 R 18 107H  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX20/255/55 R 20 107H  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX20/P275/55 R 20 111S  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX25/245/50 R 20 102H  
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX25/255/50 R 19 107H  
CONTINENTAL/EXTREMECONTACT DWS06/245/45 R 19 98Y  
CONTINENTAL/EXTREMECONTACT DWS06/255/50 ZR 19 107W  
CONTINENTAL/PREMIUMCONTACT 6/315/30 R 22 107Y  
CONTINENTAL/PREMIUMCONTACT 6 SSR/275/40 R 22 107Y

CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/215/60 R 16 95H  
CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/225/55 R 18 98H  
CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/225/60 R 18 100H  
CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/235/60 R 18 103H  
CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/P205/55 R 16 89V  
CONTINENTAL/PURECONTACT LS/205/55 R 16 91V  
CONTINENTAL/SURECONTACT LX/265/65 R 18 114T  
CONTINENTAL/TERRAINCONTACT A/T/275/55 R 20 113T  
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/225/60 R 17 99H  
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/225/60 R 18 100H  
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/235/55R19 105V  
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/245/45 R 20 99V  
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/245/50 R 20 105H  
GENERAL TIRE/AMERITRAC TR/P265/70 R 17 113H  
GENERAL TIRE/EXCLAIM HPX A/S/205/50 R 17 93V  
GENERAL TIRE/EXCLAIM HPX A/S/215/55 R 17 94V  
GENERAL TIRE/EXCLAIM HPX A/S/225/50 R 17 94V  
GENERAL TIRE/EXCLAIM HPX A/S/235/55 R 17 99W  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/265/70 R 17 115T  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/35 X 12.50 R 18 123R  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT265/70 R 17 121/118S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT265/70 R 18 124/121S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT275/60 R 20 119/116S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT275/65 R 18 123/120R  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT275/70 R 18 125/122R  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT285/70 R 17 121/118S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER APT/255/75 R 17 115T  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER APT/265/75 R 16 116T  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER APT/P275/70 R 18 116S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER ARCTIC LT/LT245/70 R 17 119/116R  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER AT2/265/70R16 112S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HD/LT245/75 R 16 120/116S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/235/65 R 17 108H  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/255/70 R 17 112S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/265/70 R 18 116S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/LT225/75 R 16 115/112S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/P245/70 R 17 108S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/P255/70 R 17 110S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/225/75 R 16 104S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/235/65 R 18 106T  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/245/65 R 17 107T  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/275/60 R 20 115S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/LT245/75 R 16 120/116S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER STX/245/65 R 17 107T  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER STX/265/70 R 17 115S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER STX2/275/60 R 20 115S  
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER X3/35 X 12.50 R 20 121Q  
GENERAL TIRE/RELIATREK HT/245/65 R 17 107H

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 15, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21T-001

**Components:**  
TIRES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 93,959

**Problem Description:**

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC. (Continental Tire) is recalling certain Continental, General, and Barum brand tires sold as original or replacement equipment. The affected tires were cured for too long during production.

**Consequence:**

Over cured tires may develop a break in the sidewall resulting in sudden air loss or a belt edge separation which could lead to a tread/belt loss. Either condition can cause a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Continental Tire will notify the owners that purchased the tires as replacement equipment. Various vehicle manufacturers will conduct recalls for vehicles equipped with these tires at the time of purchase. The tires will be inspected to verify that they are affected, and will be replaced as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 5, 2021. Owners may contact Continental Tire customer service at 1-888-799-2168.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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.

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC's contact for this recall will be Choon Lee who may be reached by email at [choon.lee@dot.gov](mailto:choon.lee@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Enforcement