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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150CL
21T-002

Subject: Tire Sidewall Separation

Dear Nicole Schwieterman:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.'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:

BIG O/AT/T BIG FOOT/275/65R18
BIG O/BIGFOOT A/S/275/65R18
COOPER/DISCOVERER A/T3/275/65R18
COOPER/DISCOVERER AT3 4S/275/55R20
COOPER/DISCOVERER AT3 4S/275/65R18
COOPER/DISCOVERER RTX/275/65R18
COOPER/EVOLUTION H/T/275/65R18
DISCOUNT TIRE/DISCOVERER ATP/275/65R18
HERCULES/TERRA TRAC A/T II/275/65R18
LES SCHWAB/BACK COUNTRY QS3 TOURING HT/275/65R18
LES SCHWAB/BACK COUNTRY QS4 ALL TERRAIN/275/65R18
MASTERCRAFT/COURSER AXT/275/55R20
MASTERCRAFT/COURSER AXT/275/65R18
MASTERCRAFT/COURSER AXT2/275/55R20
MASTERCRAFT/COURSER AXT2/275/65R18
MASTERCRAFT/COURSER HSX TOUR/275/65R18
MICKEY THOMPSON/DEEGAN 38 ALL-TERRAIN/275/55R20
MICKEY THOMPSON/DEEGAN 38 ALL-TERRAIN/275/65R18
PEP BOYS/ADVENTURER A/T/275/65R18
PEP BOYS/ADVENTURER H/T/275/65R18
TBC/MULTI-MILE WILD COUNTRY XTX SPORT 4S/275/55R20
TBC/MULTI-MILE WILD COUNTRY XTX SPORT 4S/275/65R18

Mfr's Report Date: February 19, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21T-002

Components:

TIRES
TIRES:SIDEWALL



Potential Number of Units Affected: 430,298

Problem Description:

Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. (Cooper Tire) is recalling certain Discoverer, Evolution, Courser, Deegan, Adventurer, Hercules, Back Country, Multi-Mile Wild Country and Big O brand tires. The tires may develop a bulge or separation in the sidewall.

Consequence:

A sidewall separation may cause the tire to rapidly deflate, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Cooper Tire will notify owners, and dealers will replace affected tires, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 25, 2021. Owners may contact Cooper Tire customer service at 1-800-854-6288. Cooper Tire's number for this recall is 178.

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.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. Please amend the chronology to include the dates for the initial customer complaint and the initiation of the review and testing process.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

We have received Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.'s contact for this recall will be Choon Lee who may be reached by email at choon.lee@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement