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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 #21T-001, 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 2019-2020 Nissan Altima and Model Year 2018-2021 Nissan Titan vehicles outlined in section 2 below.

Very truly,

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

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 #21T-001.

2. Units Potentially Involved:

This issue affects certain Nissan Altima and Titan models equipped with the subject Continental tires shown in the table below:

Model	Tire Description	DOT	Mold Number	Part Number
Titan	265/70 R18 116S TL Grabber HTS	1818	415465	40312 EZ41D
Titan	275/70 R18 116S TL Grabber APT	5218	415812	40312 EZ40C
Altima	215/60 R16 95H TL ProContact TX	1819	419091	40312 6CA1D
Altima	215/60 R16 95H TL ProContact TX	1819	419087	40312 6CA1D
Titan	275/70 R18 116S TL Grabber APT	0120	415813	40312 EZ40C
Altima	215/60 R16 095H TL ProContact TX	3120	419088	40312 6CA1D
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Vehicles involved:

Model Year	Model	Manufacturing Range
MY 2019-2020	Nissan Altima	May 20, 2019 to September 19, 2020
MY 2018-2021	Nissan Titan	May 9, 2018 to February 12, 2021

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

3. Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved:

According to CTA Defect Information Report #21T-001, 203 affected tires were shipped to OEM and Replacement market customers. CTA has informed Nissan that it shipped seven (7) of these tires to Nissan among 3,497 tires molded with the specific DOT and Mold numbers under recall. Nissan has identified 126,809 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 #21T-001, the forecasted incident rate based on the seven (7) tires shipped to Nissan potentially containing the defect is 0.2%.

5. Description of the Defect:

Please see CTA Defect Information Report #21T-001.

The affected Nissan Altima and Titan vehicles may be equipped with the subject tires. According to CTA, the affected tires in the recall may have a potential over cure condition. 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:

February 15, 2021 – CTA submitted Defect Information Report #21T-001 to NHTSA and notified Nissan of the recall regarding an over cure condition that occurred on certain tires shipped to OEMs and replacement market customers. CTA subsequently provided information concerning the potential quantity of subject tires shipped to Nissan.

Nissan reviewed production records to identify the production period of potentially affected vehicles based on the information provided by CTA. Nissan determined some of the potentially affected tires were installed on certain Nissan Altima and Titan vehicles.

March 4, 2021 – Based on the foregoing, Nissan decided to conduct a safety recall campaign to inspect, and if necessary, remedy all potentially affected vehicles.

7. Description of Corrective Action:

Nissan will notify all owners of potentially affected vehicles on April 28, 2021. Dealers will be notified on March 12, 2021. Dealers will inspect the sidewalls of all tires for the specific DOT and mold numbers under Continental recall. If any subject tires are found, the dealer will remove and replace the tires with new ones. All removed tires will be collected and returned to Continental for quality and investigation purposes; after which, Continental will dispose of the tires 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.