

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 22T-023

**Manufacturer Name :** Michelin North America, Inc.

**Submission Date :** DEC 08, 2022

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22T-023

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR



### Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Michelin North America, Inc.

**Address :** One Parkway South  
Greenville SC 29615

**Company phone :** 864-422-4985

### Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 16,983

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

### Tire Information :

**Tire Brand 1 :** Michelin

**Tire Line :** various

**Tire Size :** various

**Descriptive Information :** Replacement market tires for vintage vehicles. Subject tires are missing the DOT marking on the sidewalls. Michelin North America has not received any notification of safety or performance related issues regarding these tires from consumers.

**Production Dates :** JAN 01, 2007 - OCT 26, 2022

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
various	various	various	0107	4322

### Description of Noncompliance :

**Description of the Noncompliance :** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that tire manufacturers comply with a tire marking system that helps ensure tire safety and performance on US roadways. When marked on the side of a tire, the letters "DOT" constitute a certification by the manufacturer that the tire meets all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). A range of low-volume specialty tire lines designed for antique and vintage vehicles of European manufacture were inadvertently exported to the US without the requisite DOT marking and updated compliance testing to include FMVSS specific requirements. As a result, Michelin is voluntarily recalling 16,983 tires that have been sold into the US market. There have been no safety incidents related to the subject Michelin vintage tires reported in the US.

**FMVSS 1 :** 109 - New pneumatic and certain specialty tires

**FMVSS 2 :** 139 - New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Without the DOT symbol on the sidewall, the tire contains no declaration to its certification. Additionally tires with a missing DOT marking could be used in inappropriate applications.

**Description of the Cause :** Michelin produces a specialty collection of low-volume vintage tires for European antique and vintage vehicles. As Michelin became aware of a small, but interesting market for these tires in the United States, the decision was made to begin sales of these tires to a single distributor in the US. In October 2022, Michelin began to implement a plan to update the supply chain for these tires and detected the potential that certain tires were sold into the United States without the requisite DOT marking and updated compliance testing to include FMVSS specific requirements. This marking noncompliance was subsequently confirmed to be due to a supply chain routing error.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** Not applicable

## Involved Components :

**Component Name :** tires

**Component Description :** NR

**Component Part Number :** NR

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

**Name :** NR

**Address :** NR

NR

**Country :** NR

## Chronology :

Michelin North America became aware of a potential marking issue with vintage automobile tires on 13 October 2022. During this initial meeting, it was learned that some vintage automobile tires without DOT markings had been shipped to the US and sold. Shipments of known non-compliant tires to the US distributor were stopped on 26 October 2022. Between 13 October and 28 November, Michelin North America worked with Michelin's team in Clermont-Ferrand France to determine the tire lines, dimensions, and volumes of the affected tires. A determination meeting was conducted by Michelin North America on 1 December 2022 to

proceed with a recall of the affected tires.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : SKUs comprising approximately 50% of the recall population, with required DOT markings, are currently available for export from Europe. DOT marked SKUs comprising the remainder of the recall population will be available by mid-2023. If necessary, certain recalled SKUs could be replaced with competitor tires of the same dimensions.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Remedy tires will bear the DOT marking on both sidewalls as specified in the FMVSS and will be tested confirming compliance with all applicable FMVSS regulations.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : All shipments of noncompliant tires to the US have been stopped and the distributor has been informed that sales of the affected tires must be stopped. Molds are being corrected and appropriate FMVSS testing is being conducted on the involved SKUs.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : The noncompliance remedy plan, including the notification schedule is currently being developed.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

**Purchaser Information :**

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Company Phone : NR

\* NR - Not Reported