

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Recall Number 22T023

July 15th, 2023

Subject: RECALL NOTICE

Dear Michelin Tire Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Michelin North America, Inc. has decided that the following tires in the MICHELIN® Vintage Tire Collection[™] fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 49 CFR Parts 571.109 "New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles Manufactured from 1949 to 1975, Bias Ply Tires, and T-type Spare Tires"; and 571.139 "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles." You are receiving this letter because our records indicate that you may have purchased one or more of these replacement tires at retail. Your Vintage Collection tires are part of this recall if they are listed in "Appendix A - Replacement Product List" and were manufactured on or before October 23rd, 2022 (DOT week 4322). For information on how to determine the week and year of manufacture for your tires, please refer to "Appendix B - Locating Tire Date of Manufacture."

The FMVSS requires in part that the letters "DOT" shall be marked on tire sidewalls but affected tires in this recall are lacking this required marking. The DOT symbol is an important safety related marking, because by placing the letters "DOT" on a tire the manufacturer certifies that all required safety and performance related testing has been conducted, and that the tires have passed all tests. Tires that do not comply with FMVSS requirements may increase the risk of a crash.

Michelin is manufacturing replacement inventories for affected products. This second letter is to advise that your product is now available, and that you may obtain replacement tires by following instructions detailed in Appendix C. Tires will be replaced free of charge.

If you have questions or concerns that have not been addressed by this letter, please contact Michelin Consumer Care at **1-888-971-3801** for further assistance. If Michelin fails to address your concerns, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153); or go to <u>www.nhtsa.gov</u>.

Commitment to safety, quality and respect for the customer are our highest priorities. Please accept our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience that replacing these tires may cause.

Sincerely,

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Ti	re Line	Size		Tire Lin	(
TF	RX	190/65R390		Х	
TF	RX	200/60VR390		XAS	
TF	RX	210/55VR390		XAS	
TF	RX	240/45VR415		XVS	
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Appendix A - Replacement Product List

Tire Line	Size
Х	125R15
XAS	155HR13
XAS	165R13 FF
XVS	235/70HR15
XWX	205/70VR15

Appendix B - Locating Tire Date of Manufacture

The Tire Identification Number (TIN) is a string of numbers and letters that includes each tire's plant of manufacture, a unique tire ID and the week and year of manufacture. The TIN is located on the tire sidewall just above the wheel flange. The illustration below shows a sample TIN from one of the affected tires. The production date code is given by the last 4 digits of the TIN, with the first two digits specifying the week of production and the second two digits specifying the year of production.



Appendix C – Instructions for Obtaining Replacement Tires

- 1. To verify that your tires qualify for replacement under this program, please have the following ready:
 - a. Two photographs of each tire: one full sidewall and one with date code readable.
 - b. Copy of current registration or title for the vehicle on which the tires are mounted.
- Call Michelin Consumer Care at 1-888-971-3801 and advise them that your tires are covered under the Michelin Vintage Tire Replacement Program. Consumer Care will provide an email address for sending proof of eligibility and will confirm with you that they have your correct current mailing address.
- 3. Michelin will process the replacement tire order on your behalf, arrange a mount and balance credit, and ship tires to the address provided.