

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

October 10, 2023

Mr. Harald Morgenstern Manager NHTSA Compliance Continental Tire the Americas, LLC 1830 MacMillan Park Drive Fort Mill, SC 29707

**Subject:** Tires Contain Metal Fragments

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:

CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX25/225/65R17 102H CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX25/235/55R18 100H

Mfr's Report Date: October 2, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23T-006

**Components:** 

**TIRES** 

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3,472

### **Problem Description:**

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (Continental) is recalling certain CrossContact LX25 tires with sizes 235/55R18 100H and 225/65R17 102H. The tires may contain rubber compound contaminated with small metal fragments.

## **Consequence:**

Metal contaminants in the tire sidewalls can cause a sudden loss of air pressure, increasing the risk of a crash.

## Remedy:

Dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed November 27, 2023. Owners may contact Continental 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.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

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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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC's contact for this recall will be Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at darishea.rollins@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely.

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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