U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report 26T002

**Manufacturer Name:** Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

**Submission Date:** Jan 14, 2026

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 26T002

**Manufacturer Recall No.:**

## Manufacturer Information

**Manufacturer Name:** Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

**Address:** 200 Innovation Way
Akron OH, 44316

## Population

**Total number of potentially involved:** 730

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 100%

## Tire Information

**Tire Brand 1:** COOPER

**Tire Line:** DISCOVERER SRX

**Tire Size:** 255/50R20

**Production Dates:** Mar 28, 2021 - Apr 24, 2021

**Number of potentially involved:** 730

**Descriptive Information:**

The subject tire's noncompliant population was determined by reviewing the curing records for the curing mold/press involved and inspecting the tires still under Cooper's control to determine the quantity of tires no longer under Cooper's control. The noncompliant tires differ from tires determined to be compliant by the location of the date code portion of the Tire Identification Number (TIN).

**Tire Identification Number (TIN)**

| Plant ID Code | Size Code | Optional Code | Begin M Code | End M Code |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| UT | N4 | 1D6 | 1321 | 1621 |

## Defect / Noncompliance Description

**Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

Due to the curing press ID being installed where the date code should have been installed, the TIN of the subject tire contains more than the allowable number of symbols. When a tire manufacturer follows the "Old TIN content requirement" for manufacturers who were previously assigned a two-symbol plant code, the maximum number of symbols is 12. The subject tires contain 15 symbols: e.g., UTN41D6C13R1321

**FMVSS1:** 574 - Tire Identification & Recordkeeping

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**FMVSS2:**

**Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

The increased number of symbols contained within the TIN, due to the curing press ID slug being located in the date code location, may prevent consumers from properly registering the tires with Goodyear. If there were to be a safety related recall covering the subject tires, Goodyear may not be able to send notification to the customer, leading to prolonged usage. Prolonged usage could increase the risk of a crash.

**Description of the cause:**

During the preparation and assembly of one tire curing mold for installation in a curing press the mold bench operator inadvertently installed the date code slug in the curing press ID location, and the press ID slug in the date code location in the mold. As required, the date code portion of the TIN was changed for the next 3 weeks, however the incorrect slug location was not identified.

**Identification of any warning that can occur:**

NA

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:**

**Supplier Type:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Country:**

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Tire

**Component Description:**

**Component Part Number:**

## 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:** none

**Address:**

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**Country:**

## Chronology

- The subject mold was incorrectly prepared for installation in the curing press for week 1321. When the error was discovered during week 1621, curing was halted and all subject tires still under Cooper's control were segregated and held for inspection. The investigation resulted in identifying when the incorrectly prepared mold was installed in the curing press and the number of subject tires that were determined to be outside of Cooper's control.
- Goodyear filed a noncompliance report dated August 19, 2021, and amended it on August 24, 2021. Additionally, Goodyear petitioned NHTSA on August 20, 2021 for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety.
- Goodyear received notification 1/2/2026, that the petition for a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential as it relates to motor vehicle safety was denied.

**Related NHTSA Recall Number:**

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:**

**Consumer Advisories:** ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

**Description of remedy program:**

All subject tires will be replaced with tires from a different production week, or comparable tire, that do not exhibit the curing press ID being in the wrong location at no charge to the customer. Instructions to dealers will specify any tire removed under this recall to be rendered unsuitable for resale for installation on motor vehicles prior to returning to Goodyear for credit. The consumer notification letter will be sent to NHTSA for review and approval prior to being mailed. All recall tires returned to Goodyear will be used by our recycler for various recycling purposes. Any consumer who replaced recalled tires before receiving the recall notification letter may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. These consumers can contact the Goodyear Consumer Relations Department at 800-321-2136 for more information.

**How remedy component differs from recalled component:**

Remedy tires will exhibit a compliant TIN.

**Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:**

The subject curing mold that exhibited the noncompliant TIN was found during tire inspections during the week of 1621 and was pulled from service at that time and corrected.

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## Reimbursement Plan

**Description of reimbursement program:**
Goodyear will contact registered owners that may have purchased subject tires. Customer correspondence will explain the issue and include instructions on how to obtain replacement tires at no cost, as well as the following instructions for collecting reimbursement for remedies made prior to the recall: If you have already replaced any of the tires covered by this recall, you may be eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursements are limited to warranty transactions where you paid a portion of the total price of a tire to replace an affected tire. Documentation that adequately supports eligibility must be provided for reimbursement. Submit a copy of your replacement tire invoice/receipt and if available a copy of the tire adjustment claim form to the following address for reimbursement:
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Attn: Dept. 728, Customer Assistance Center
200 Innovation Way
Akron, OH 44316-0001

**Period of reimbursement:**

**Costs to be reimbursed:**

**Address for reimbursement claims:**

## Recall Schedule

**Description of recall schedule:**

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company (Goodyear) will initiate a voluntary safety recall of the subject tires. Goodyear will contact registered owners that may have purchased subject tires. Customer correspondence will explain the issue and include instructions on how to obtain replacement tires at no cost, as well as instructions for collecting reimbursement for remedies made prior to the recall. The tires with affected identification numbers should be returned to the Goodyear product service center. All tires from the subject recall weeks of production will be scrapped according to applicable law. Consumers who have had their tires replaced before this recall may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 573.6(c)(9)(i), Goodyear will make dealers aware of the legal requirements associated with the prohibition against the sale of recalled tires through a Dealer Notification Letter that will be submitted to the agency separately pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 573.6(c)(10). The program for disposing of all recalled tires returned to Goodyear will comply with applicable state and local laws and regulations regarding the disposal of tires, and to the extent possible, tires will be channeled into a category of positive reuse or another alternative beneficial non vehicular reuse, instead of being disposed of in landfills.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Feb 02, 2026 - Feb 13, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:** ☐ No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Feb 16, 2026 - Feb 23, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall