

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15T-016****Manufacturer Name :** Michelin North America, Inc.**Submission Date :** AUG 07,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15T-016**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 : 104,000

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Tire Information :**

Tire Brand : BFGoodrich

Tire Line : Commercial T/A All-Season

Tire Size : LT275/70R18 125/122Q LRE

Descriptive Information : These replacement market tires are primarily found on commercial light trucks, as well as full-sized heavy-duty vans, small RVs and some 3/4 and one ton pick-up trucks.

Production Dates : MAY 04, 2014 - MAY 11, 2014

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
BE	15	JD11	1814	1914

Tire Brand : BFGoodrich

Tire Line : Commercial T/A All-Season 2

Tire Size : LT275/70R18 125/122R LRE

Descriptive Information : These replacement market tires are primarily found on commercial light trucks, as well as full-sized heavy-duty vans, small RVs and some 3/4 and one ton pick-up trucks.

Production Dates : FEB 23, 2014 - MAY 24, 2015

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
BE	15	DD11	0814	2115

Tire Brand : BFGoodrich

Tire Line : Rugged Terrain T/A

Tire Size : LT275/70R18 125/122R LRE

Descriptive Information : These replacement market tires are primarily found on commercial light trucks, as

well as full-sized heavy-duty vans, small RVs and some 3/4 and one ton pick-up trucks.

Production Dates : APR 06, 2014 - JAN 25, 2015

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
BE	15	0211	1414	4914

Tire Brand : BFGoodrich

Tire Line : Rugged Terrain T/A

Tire Size : LT275/65R18 123/120R LRE

Descriptive Information : These replacement market tires are primarily found on commercial light trucks, as well as full-sized heavy-duty vans, small RVs and some 3/4 and one ton pick-up trucks.

Production Dates : OCT 12, 2014 - JAN 25, 2015

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
BE	B9	0211	4114	0415

Tire Brand : BFGoodrich

Tire Line : Commercial T/A All-Season 2

Tire Size : LT235/80R17 120/117R LRE

Descriptive Information : These replacement market tires are primarily found on commercial light trucks, as well as full-sized heavy-duty vans, small RVs and some 3/4 and one ton pick-up trucks.

Production Dates : MAY 25, 2014 - APR 12, 2015

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
BE	AB	DD11	2114	1515

Tire Brand : BFGoodrich

Tire Line : Commercial T/A All-Season 2

Tire Size : LT265/70R17 121/118R LRE

Descriptive Information : These replacement market tires are primarily found on commercial light trucks, as well as full-sized heavy-duty vans, small RVs and some 3/4 and one ton pick-up trucks.

Production Dates : APR 13, 2014 - NOV 23, 2014

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
BE	AH	DD11	1514	4714

Tire Brand : BFGoodrich

Tire Line : Commercial T/A All-Season 2

Tire Size : LT245/75R17 121/118R LRE

Descriptive Information : These replacement market tires are primarily found on commercial light trucks, as well as full-sized heavy-duty vans, small RVs and some 3/4 and one ton pick-up trucks.

Production Dates : MAR 16, 2014 - APR 05, 2015

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
BE	43	DD11	1114	1415

Tire Brand : BFGoodrich

Tire Line : Commercial T/A All-Season 2

Tire Size : LT245/70R17 119/116R LRE

Descriptive Information : These replacement market tires are primarily found on commercial light trucks, as well as full-sized heavy-duty vans, small RVs and some 3/4 and one ton pick-up trucks.

Production Dates : MAY 04, 2014 - JAN 18, 2015

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
BE	P8	DD11	1814	0315

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Michelin has observed that a limited number of the tires listed (currently 11 tires or 0.01% in the U.S. market) have experienced a rapid loss of air pressure due to a rupture of the sidewall in the bead area under severe usage conditions.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The rapid air loss described may pose a potential risk of loss of vehicle control or vehicle crash. At this time there have been no injuries or fatalities reported.

Description of the Cause : Certain combinations of design attributes, material specifications, and industrial process parameters proved sensitive when tires were used in severe application conditions involving high load and high torque.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : No notable indications of impending pressure loss have been identified based on the small number of samples returned and analyzed.

**Supplier Identification :**

**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Michelin North America, Inc

Address : 1 Parkway South  
Greenville SOUTH CAROLINA 29615

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

May 15, 2015: Initial U.S. market warranty return for rapid air loss caused by casing degradation under severe usage conditions.

June 16, 2015: Initial U.S. market field analysis on 2 samples of returned tires for this rapid air loss issue.

June 25, 2015: One U.S. market property damage received associated with this issue.

June 29, 2015: Four additional U.S. market warranty returns identified with this issue.

July 1, 2015: Two warranty returns from Mexico identified with this issue.

July 3, 2015: Initial quality investigation launched.

July 9, 2015: Field analysis completed. The usage environments with this issue are high load and high torque commercial truck applications.

July 10, 2015: Second U.S. market property damage received associated with this issue.

July 15, 2015: One additional U.S. market warranty return identified with this issue.

July 17, 2015: Advanced quality investigation launched.

July 31, 2015: Assessments lead to a determination of defect. There have been 10 U.S. warranty claims including 2 property damage claims related to this issue to date. There have been 2 warranty returns to date for this issue from Mexico. There have been no injuries or fatalities reported.

August 4, 2015: One additional U.S. market warranty return identified with this issue.

August 6, 2015: One additional warranty return from Mexico identified with this issue.

August 7, 2015: 573 filed.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : MNA will initiate a safety recall of the subject tires. The consumers that may have purchased tires of the specified date ranges will be contacted by first class mail beginning the week of August 31, 2015. This correspondence will explain the issue, and include specific instructions as to how to obtain similar replacement products at no charge, as well as procedures for collecting reimbursement for remedies made prior to the recall, where appropriate.

Owners may contact BFGoodrich Consumer Care at 1-866-524-2638.

All tires in the specified DOT code date ranges removed from service, or in our possession, will be scrapped.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Only tires of the specified DOT TIN codes and date ranges are affected by the described recall condition.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Tires described in this recall that resumed production after the specified date ranges used updated design and materials specifications.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : MNA will begin notifying dealers and known purchasers beginning 10 Aug 2015.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : AUG 10, 2015 - SEP 18, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : AUG 31, 2015 - OCT 02, 2015

**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

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Country : NR

Company Phone : NR

\* NR - Not Reported