



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 26, 2019

Ms. Kathleen Cindric
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.
701 Lima Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840

NEF-150SS
19T-005

Subject: Parting of Lower Sidewall

Dear Ms. Cindric:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.'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:

BIG O/BIG FOOT A/S/235/65R18
COOPER/ADVENTURER H/T CUV/235/65R18
COOPER/DISCOVER SRX/235/65R18
COOPER/DISCOVERER HTP/235/65R18
COOPER/EVOLUTION H/T/235/65R18
LES SCHWAB/BACK COUNTRY QS3 TOURING HT/235/65R18
MASTERCRAFT/COURSER HSX TOUR/235/65R18

Mfr's Report Date: June 5, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19T-005

Components:

TIRES:SIDEWALL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 24,459

Problem Description:

Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. (Cooper Tire) is recalling certain size 235/65R18 Cooper Discoverer SRX, Evolution H/T, Discoverer HTP, Adventurer H/T CUV, Big O Big Foot A/S, Les Schwab Back Country QS3 Touring HT, and Mastercraft Courser HSX Tour tires. The tires may have been improperly manufactured with a ply cord distortion. For a full list of the Tire Identification Numbers (TIN) visit: <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2019/RCLRPT-19T005-5639.pdf>

Consequence:

The distortion may cause parting of the lower sidewall compounds extending to the cord material, increasing the risk of tire failure and a crash.

Remedy:

Cooper Tire has notified owners, and dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall began June 14, 2019. Owners may contact Cooper Tire customer service at 1-800-854-6288. Cooper Tire's number for this recall is 172.

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.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 Part 573.7, submission of the first of six 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.

Your contact for this recall will be Sarah Shiver who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-7401, or by email at sarah.shiver@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement