

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19T-006

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.**Submission Date :** AUG 23, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19T-006**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 173**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.

Address : 701 Lima Avenue

Findlay OH 45840

Company phone : 4194206040

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 4,045

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : Roadmaster

Tire Line : RM852 EM

Tire Size : 295/75R22.5

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain radial tubeless truck tires produced by the manufacturer from November 18, 2018 through December 8, 2018. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code.

Production Dates : NOV 18, 2018 - DEC 08, 2018

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
CR	37	LWF	4618	4818

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The subject tires as manufactured may have thin innerliner gauge that under certain conditions could develop into a tire failure in the sidewall.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the condition exists undetected and the tire remains in-service, affected tires may develop an in-service innerliner degradation ultimately resulting in an increased potential of tire failure that could lead to the rapid loss of inflation pressure, vehicle control, and increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : A review of return tires found all impacted tires were manufactured on one tire building machine following a routine change of the drum and bladder. The machine issue led to intermittent expansion issues resulting in thin innerliner gauge in certain tires.

Identification of Any Warning : The affected tires may have a visual anomaly on the inside innerliner surface. In-service conditions may include a ride disturbance or in certain cases, vehicle

that can Occur : steering or ride may be impacted, providing operator notice.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Qingdao Ge Rui Da Company

Address : #210 Tianxin Road
Mingcun Town, Pingdu Qingdao City FOREIGN STATES

Country : China

Chronology :

An analysis of warranty data for the subject tires for the second quarter of 2019 revealed an increased rate of return. As a result, Cooper initiated a search of internal inventories on 6/28/2019 and located (53) of the subject tires and began an internal review of returned tires available at our Findlay Regional Inspection Point.

On or about July 8, 2019 through August 16, 2019, Cooper Tire conducted visual inspections and internal testing on the returned tires

On August 19, 2019, Cooper Tire's Compliance Committee determined that a potential safety condition exists in the subject tires. Cooper Tire is voluntarily recalling these 4,045 tires. There have been no property damage or death or injury claims associated with any of these tires.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper Tire) will initiate a voluntary safety recall of the subject tires. Cooper Tire will contact registered owners that purchased tires of the specified date range by registered mail. Customer correspondence will explain the issue, and include instructions on how to obtain replacement tires, as well as instructions for collecting reimbursement for remedies made prior to recall. The 4,045 tires with affected identification numbers should be returned to one of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company's Regional Inspection Points, where they will be inspected for the affected DOT tire identification numbers. All tires found to have an affected DOT identification number will be replaced and will be scrapped according to applicable law. Consumer 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), Cooper Tire & Rubber Company 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 Cooper Tire & Rubber Company 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.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy components will differ from the recalled components in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. The recalled components are Roadmaster RM852 EM, DOT code CR 37 LWF 4618 through 4818.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The issue resolved when modifications were made to the impacted tire building machine.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : The Dealer notification letters will be mailed between September 10, 2019 and September 30, 2019. The Tire owner notification letters will be mailed as soon as NHTSA approval is received, but in no case later than 60 days from August 23, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : SEP 06, 2019 - SEP 30, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

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
NR
Country : NR
Company Phone : NR

* NR - Not Reported