

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19T-024

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.**Submission Date :** DEC 17, 2019**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19T-024**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 175**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.

Address : 701 Lima Avenue

Findlay OH 45840

Company phone : 4194206040

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 2,095

Estimated percentage with defect : 3 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : COOPER

Tire Line : EVOLUTION TOUR

Tire Size : 225/50R17

Descriptive Information : The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from July 28, 2019 through August 3, 2019. These products differ from others in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. Those impacted units were manufactured on one tire building machine and have an improper sidewall component.

Production Dates : JUL 28, 2019 - AUG 03, 2019

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

| Plant ID | Size code | Optional Code | Begin M Code | End M Code |
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| U9 | 40 | 1LT | 3019 | 3019 |

Tire Brand 2 : HERCULES

Tire Line : ROADTOUR 455 SPORT

Tire Size : 225/50R17

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| U9 | 40 | H3T | 3019 | 3019 |

Tire Brand 3 : STARFIRE
 Tire Line : SOLARUS AS
 Tire Size : 225/50R17

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| U9 | 40 | LW8 | 3019 | 3019 |

Tire Brand 4 : MASTERCRAFT
 Tire Line : SRT TOURING
 Tire Size : 225/50R17

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TIN (Tire Identification Number)

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| U9 | 40 | FYH | 3019 | 3019 |

Tire Brand 5 : MASTERCRAFT
 Tire Line : STRATUS AS
 Tire Size : 225/50R17

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| U9 | 40 | F36 | 3019 | 3019 |

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The subject tires as manufactured may have an incorrect sidewall component that under certain conditions could develop into a slow loss of tire air pressure or late life belt separation.

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 a slow loss of air pressure, in-service audible noise, unsatisfactory ride condition, belt separation, or distortion in the tread area that if undetected may ultimately result in a tire failure leading to the loss of vehicle control and increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : Improper sidewall component used in manufacturing operation on one tire building machine.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Some affected tires may have a visually distorted tread condition that could be detected prior to being placed in-service. In-service conditions may be a ride disturbance or belt separation that may be felt in the vehicle steering or ride.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

Address : 1804 South Green Street
Tupelo MISSISSIPPI 38804

Country : United States

Chronology :

On July 31, 2019, tires were found to have an improper sidewall component by the tire builder as the builder was assembling the tire. A shipping restriction was immediately implemented for all potentially impacted products. On or about August 5, 2019 through December 5, 2019 Cooper Tire conducted a sort and visual inspection of potentially suspect tires at all distribution points. It was determined that a limited number of products (60) shipped to customers despite the shipping restriction due to a software system error. The system error has now been corrected. On December 11, 2019, Cooper Tire's Compliance Committee determined that a potential safety condition exists in the subject tires. Cooper Tire is voluntarily recalling these 2,095 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 2,095 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 component will have a unique DOT code.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The issue resolved when the improper sidewall component was no longer available for use. The manufacturer determined that the improper sidewall component was limited to one reel and that the reel was consumed within the impacted serial week.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : The dealer notification letters will be mailed between December 20, 2019 and January 10, 2020. The owner notification letters will be mailed as soon a NHTSA approval is received, but in no case later than 60 days from December 17, 2019.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 20, 2019 - JAN 10, 2020

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