



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

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NEF-107CL
21T-012

Subject: Pinhole Leak In Sidewall / FMVSS 139

Dear Ms. Albano:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations'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:

BRIDGESTONE/DUELER H/L 422 ECOPIA/P245/60R18
BRIDGESTONE/DUELER H/L ALENZA/275/55R20
BRIDGESTONE/ECOPIA H/L 422 PLUS/235/55R20
BRIDGESTONE/TURANZA EL440/235/60R18
FIRESTONE/DESTINATION LE3/225/65R17

Mfr's Report Date: August 18, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21T-012

Components:

TIRES:SIDEWALL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 21,513

Problem Description:

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations (Bridgestone) is recalling certain Bridgestone Dueler H/L 422 Ecopia P245/60R18, Dueler H/L Alenza 275/55R20, Ecopia H/L 422 Plus 235/55R20, Turanza EL440 235/60R18, and Firestone Destination LE3 225/65R17 tires with DOT code 2821. These tires may have been manufactured with a pinhole in the outboard side of the tire. As such, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles."

Consequence:

Tires containing a pinhole may slowly leak air, and the continued loss of air may increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Bridgestone will notify owners and replace affected tires with a comparable Bridgestone or Firestone brand tire, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed September 17, 2021. Owners may contact BATO customer service at 1-800-847-3272.

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.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations's contact for this recall will be Choon Lee who may be reached by email at choon.lee@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement