



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 7, 2021

Dane Taylor
Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.
200 Innovation Way
Akron, OH 44316

NEF-107CL
21T-015

Subject: Tire Belt Separation

Dear Dane Taylor:

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:

HERCULES/ROADTOUR 455 SPORT/225/50R17

Mfr's Report Date: August 27, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21T-015

Components:

TIRES:SIDEWALL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 370

Problem Description:

Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. (Cooper Tire) is recalling certain Hercules Roadtour 455 Sport 225/50R17 tires with DOT code 0721. Due to a manufacturing issue, the tire may experience a belt separation.

Consequence:

Belt separation could lead to loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Cooper Tire will replace the tires, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed October 1, 2021. Owners may contact Cooper Tire customer service at 1-800-854-6288. Cooper Tire's number for this recall is 181.

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.

We have received Cooper Tire's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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.

Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.'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