

Cascadia Bridgestone Steer Tire Failures

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Affected models: Cascadia sleeper trucks with Bridgestone R284, R268, or R283S ECOPIA steer axle tires and in conjunction with a specific air dam.

Chronology of defect: In or about August 2020, DTNA was made aware of several steer tire failures. DTNA began investigating and during the investigation, DTNA received additional failure reports mid through late September 2020, prompting meetings and discussions with the supplier, Bridgestone, to better understand the failures. Between October 2020 through December 2020, DTNA engaged the tire supplier several times, field personnel visited customers, and conducted additional testing to understand the nature of the issue, the safety consequences, and the possible population of affected vehicles. DTNA Compliance openly and transparently discussed this topic with NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) during this time period. DTNA's best, good-faith understanding throughout this time period was that the issue was under-inflation, based upon the supplier's representations. As DTNA continued to investigate the issue, new reports of failures were received. While no root cause has been determined due to multiple, heat-contributing factors to the tire and out of an abundance of caution, on January 8, 2021, DTNA reasonably decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall. On January 12, 2021, DTNA added an additional tire model to the population to be included in the recall.

Additional information: See recall campaign FL 872 for more information. [Click here](#) to view this document.

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