

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

22T-005

Manufacturer Name : Michelin North America, Inc.

Submission Date : MAY 09, 2022

NHTSA Recall No. : 22T-005

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Michelin North America, Inc.

Address : One Parkway South
Greenville SC 29615

Company phone : 864-422-4985

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 86

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : Michelin

Tire Line : Pilot Sport 4 ZP

Tire Size : 255/35ZR19 96Y XL

Descriptive Information : Subject tires do not have the required DOT certification mark. This error occurred at the Michelin plant in Nyiregyhaza, Hungary and was confined to one dimension of this tire line.

Production Dates : FEB 02, 2021 - MAY 27, 2021

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
6I	N4	020X	0521	2121

Description of Noncompliance :

Description of the Noncompliance : The DOT certification symbol which precedes the TIN (Tire Identification Number) was not molded onto either the intended outboard or inboard sidewall. It was determined that 82 of the tires produced entered the US market and 4 tires were quarantined in a Michelin distribution center in the US.

FMVSS 1 : 139 - New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : All markings other than the DOT symbol specified by 49 CFR Part 571.139 are present on the sidewall(s), and in compliance with 49 CFR Part 571.139. The subject tire fully complies with the performance requirements of 49 CFR 571.139; however, without the DOT symbol on the sidewall, the tire contains no declaration to its certification.

Description of the Cause : The mold specification for this tire called for an engraved "DOT" marking, however the engraved "DOT" requirement was not transmitted to the mold definition file and the software defaulted to specify a "DOT" plaque, which

Identification of Any Warning
that can Occur :

was not subsequently included as part of the mold drawing. The absence of the DOT marking was not detected during design counter-verification prior to production. Inspection of the cured tires at the production facility is based on the mold drawing, therefore the noncompliance was not detected until the mold was scheduled for transfer to another production facility.

Involved Components :

Component Name : Not applicable

Component Description : Not applicable

Component Part Number : Not applicable

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

10 March 2022: Initial alert to the Michelin Quality team in Europe by the Cuneo, Italy manufacturing site. The missing DOT marking was detected on this date during mold inspection related to a change in the manufacturing site for this tire from Nyiregyhaza, Hungary to Cuneo, Italy.

24 March 2022: Michelin North America was informed of the missing DOT markings on the noncompliant tires produced in Nyiregyhaza, Hungary and launched an investigation in the zone.

30 March 2022: Michelin North America determined that four (4) tires remained in inventory in a US distribution center and placed a block on this SKU in the inventory system to prevent sale or movement of these tires.

19 April 2022: Determination meeting was held at Michelin and a decision to conduct a voluntary recall was made.

25 April 2022: Part 573 Noncompliance Information Report filed.

9 May 2022: Amended Part 573 Noncompliance Information Report filed.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : MNA will initiate a voluntary noncompliance recall of the subject tires. The owners that may have purchased tires of the specified date range will be contacted by first class mail no later than 24 June 2022. This correspondence will explain the issue and include specific instructions on how to obtain replacement of the improperly marked tires.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy component (tire) will have the DOT marking present. A new Michelin product code will be used internally to separate the tires produced at Nyiregyhaza, Hungary from the tires produced at Cuneo, Italy. Also, with production moved to a different site, the manufacturer code HD or 1HD will be present on the remedy tire.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Following detection in March 2022, the DOT marking was added to the mold during transfer to the Cuneo, Italy manufacturing site. Industrialization of this tire at the Cuneo, Italy site is underway and the presence of the DOT marking has been confirmed. Production startup of this tire at the Cuneo, Italy production site is planned for June 2022.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : MNA will begin notifying dealers and known purchasers beginning 20 May 2022.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 20, 2022 - MAY 31, 2022

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 20, 2022 - JUN 24, 2022

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