



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

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Washington, DC 20590

November 9, 2022

Ms. Rola Amad-Smiley
Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations
10 E. Firestone Blvd
Akron, OH 44317

NEF-107DR
22T-021

Subject: Damaged Tire Bead

Dear Ms. Amad-Smiley:

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/ALENZA SPORT A/S/235/55R20 102V
BRIDGESTONE/TURANZA EL440/235/50R18 97V
FIRESTONE/DESTINATION LE2/P265/65R17 110S

Mfr's Report Date: November 3, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22T-021

Components:

TIRES:BEAD

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12,615

Problem Description:

Bridgestone Americas Tire Operation (BATO) is recalling certain Firestone Destination LE2 tires, size P265/65R17 110S (DOT date codes 2522 through 2622) Bridgestone Alenza Sport A/S tires, size 235/55R20 102V (DOT date codes 2422 through 2722) and Bridgestone Turanza EL440 tires, size 235/50R18 97V (DOT date codes 2521 through 2621). The tires may have sustained cuts and tears during the sorting process, which can result in tire damage.

Consequence:

Damaged tires can lead to a sudden loss of air pressure and loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will inspect and replace the tires, as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed between December 19, 2022 and January 2, 2023. Owners may contact BATO's 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 ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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).

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 eight 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 Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at darishea.rollins@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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