



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Harald Morgenstern  
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Continental Tire the Americas, LLC  
1830 MacMillan Park Drive  
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NEF-107DR  
22T-022

**Subject:** Tire Sidewall May Break

Dear Mr. Morgenstern:

This letter serves to acknowledge Continental Tire the Americas, LLC'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:**

CONTINENTAL/4X4 CONTACT/255/55R19 111V XL  
CONTINENTAL/PURECONTACT LS/215/60R16 95V  
CONTINENTAL/TERRAINCONTACT H/T/255/55R20 107H

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 5, 2022

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 22T-022

**Components:**

TIRES:SIDEWALL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,937

**Problem Description:**

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (Continental Tire) is recalling certain 4x4 Contact, size 255/55R19 111V XL, PureContact LS, size 215/60R16 95V, and TerrainContact H/T, size 255/55R20 107H tires. The tires may have been overcured during manufacturing.

**Consequence:**

Overcured tires may develop a break in the sidewall, resulting in sudden air loss or experience tread separation, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Continental Tire will replace the tires, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed January 12, 2023. Owners may contact Continental Tire's customer service at 1-888-799-2168.

**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](http://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.

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC's contact for this recall will be Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at [darishea.rollins@dot.gov](mailto:darishea.rollins@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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