



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. June Satterfield  
Director, Industry Standards & Government Regulations  
Michelin North America, Inc.  
1 Parkway South  
Greenville, SC 29615

NEF-107DR  
22T-023

**Subject:** Missing DOT Certification Symbol/FMVSS 109 & 139

Dear Ms. Satterfield:

This letter serves to acknowledge Michelin North America, Inc.'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:**

MICHELIN/MXV/185 R 14 90H  
MICHELIN/PB 20/205/55R1579H  
MICHELIN/PB 20/275/45R1586H  
MICHELIN/PILOTE X/185/80 R 16 88W  
MICHELIN/TB 15/175/60R1372V  
MICHELIN/TB 15/215/55R1579V  
MICHELIN/TB 15/225/45R1377V  
MICHELIN/TB 15/270/45R1586V  
MICHELIN/TB 15/275/45R1586V  
MICHELIN/TB 15/295/40R1587V  
MICHELIN/TB 15/345/35R1593V  
MICHELIN/TB 5/185/55R1372V  
MICHELIN/TB 5/185/60R1482V  
MICHELIN/TB 5/225/50R1579V  
MICHELIN/TB 5/225/50R1579W  
MICHELIN/TB 5/245/40R1377V  
MICHELIN/TB 5/270/45R1586W  
MICHELIN/TB 5/275/45R1586W  
MICHELIN/TB 5/285/40R1587W  
MICHELIN/TB 5/335/35R1593W  
MICHELIN/TRX/190/55 VR 340 81VTL  
MICHELIN/TRX/190/65 HR 390 89H  
MICHELIN/TRX/200/60 VR 390 90 V  
MICHELIN/TRX/210/55 VR 390  
MICHELIN/TRX/220/55 VR 365 TL 92V  
MICHELIN/TRX/240/45 ZR 415 94 W  
MICHELIN/TRX/240/55 VR 390 89W  
MICHELIN/TRX/240/55 VR 415 94W  
MICHELIN/VHC/15/60-15  
MICHELIN/VHC/23/59-15 R  
MICHELIN/VHC/29/61-15

MICHELIN/VHC/29/61-15 R  
MICHELIN/X/125 R 15 X TL 68 S  
MICHELIN/X/125 R 400 X 69S TT  
MICHELIN/X/125R15 X TL 68 S MI  
MICHELIN/X/135 R 400 X 73S TT  
MICHELIN/X/145 R 400 X 79S TT  
MICHELIN/X/155 R 400 X 83S TT  
MICHELIN/X/165 R 400 X 87S TT  
MICHELIN/X/175/80 R 16 84H  
MICHELIN/X/185 R 16 X 92S TT  
MICHELIN/X/185 R 400 X 91S TT  
MICHELIN/X/7.25 R 13 90 S X TT  
MICHELIN/X/7.25 R 13 X 90S TT  
MICHELIN/XAS/155/R13 78H  
MICHELIN/XAS/165 HR 13 (82H)  
MICHELIN/XAS/185 HR 13  
MICHELIN/XM+/135 R 15 72Q  
MICHELIN/XVS/185/80R15 93V  
MICHELIN/XVS/235/70 HR 15  
MICHELIN/XWX/205/70 VR 15  
MICHELIN/XWX/215/70 VR 14  
MICHELIN/XWX/225/70 VR 15  
MICHELIN/ZX/6.40 SR 13

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 8, 2022

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 22T-023

**Components:**

TIRES:MARKINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 16,983

**Problem Description:**

Michelin North America, Inc. (Michelin) is recalling certain X, XWX, Pilote X, XVS, TRX, MXV, XAS, TB 15, XDX, ZX, VHC, TB 5, XM+, and PB 20 specialty tires, sold for use on certain vintage and antique vehicles. Please see the attached products listing for a complete list of all affected tires and sizes. The DOT certification symbol is missing from the tire sidewalls. As such, these tires fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard numbers 109, "New Pneumatic and Certain Specialty Tires," and 139, "New Pneumatic Radial Tires for Light Vehicles."

**Consequence:**

Tires that are missing a DOT symbol may be used in inappropriate applications, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Michelin will replace the tires, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact Michelin's customer service at 1-866-324-2835.

**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:**

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners regarding this safety recall. Please be reminded that all owners must be notified of the safety risk associated with this filing within 60 days of the 573 being submitted. If the remedy is not available at that time, mail the interim notice, following it with a second notice once the remedy becomes available. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor and furnish a revised estimate. If there are no owners involved in this recall, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

**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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

Michelin North America, Inc.'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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Ansley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

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