

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 22T-023

**Manufacturer Name :** Michelin North America, Inc.

**Submission Date :** MAR 31, 2023

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22T-023

**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 : 16,983

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

### Tire Information :

Tire Brand 1 : Michelin

Tire Line : various

Tire Size : various

**Descriptive Information :** Replacement market tires for vintage vehicles. Subject tires are missing the DOT marking on the sidewalls. Michelin North America has not received any notification of safety or performance related issues regarding these tires from consumers.

Production Dates : JAN 01, 2007 - OCT 26, 2022

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
various	various	various	0107	4322

### Description of Noncompliance :

**Description of the Noncompliance :** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that tire manufacturers comply with a tire marking system that helps ensure tire safety and performance on US roadways. When marked on the side of a tire, the letters "DOT" constitute a certification by the manufacturer that the tire meets all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). A range of low-volume specialty tire lines designed for antique and vintage vehicles of European manufacture were inadvertently exported to the US without the requisite DOT marking and updated compliance testing to include FMVSS specific requirements. As a result, Michelin is voluntarily recalling 16,983 tires that have been sold into the US market. There have been no safety incidents related to the subject Michelin vintage tires reported in the US.

FMVSS 1 : 109 - New pneumatic and certain specialty tires

FMVSS 2 : 139 - New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Without the DOT symbol on the sidewall, the tire contains no declaration to its certification. Additionally tires with a missing DOT marking could be used in inappropriate applications.

**Description of the Cause :** Michelin produces a specialty collection of low-volume vintage tires for European antique and vintage vehicles. As Michelin became aware of a small, but interesting market for these tires in the United States, the decision was made to begin sales of these tires to a single distributor in the US. In October 2022, Michelin began to implement a plan to update the supply chain for these tires and detected the potential that certain tires were sold into the United States without the requisite DOT marking and updated compliance testing to include FMVSS specific requirements. This marking noncompliance was subsequently confirmed to be due to a supply chain routing error.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** Not applicable

### Involved Components :

**Component Name :** tires

**Component Description :** NR

**Component Part Number :** NR

### Supplier Identification :

#### Component Manufacturer

**Name :** NR

**Address :** NR

NR

**Country :** NR

### Chronology :

Michelin North America became aware of a potential marking issue with vintage automobile tires on 13 October 2022. During this initial meeting, it was learned that some vintage automobile tires without DOT markings had been shipped to the US and sold. Shipments of known non-compliant tires to the US distributor were stopped on 26 October 2022. Between 13 October and 28 November, Michelin North America worked with Michelin's team in Clermont-Ferrand France to determine the tire lines, dimensions, and volumes of the affected tires. A determination meeting was conducted by Michelin North America on 1 December 2022 to

proceed with a recall of the affected tires.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Due to low production volumes of the specialty tires involved in this recall, Michelin will be conducting a phased recall of the subject tires over approximately the next 13 months. Michelin and the distributor of the subject tires has located the purchase and/or registration records for approximately 7,760 of the 16,983 of tires involved in this recall because the production dates for the subject tires range from January 2007 through October 2022. As noted in 49 CFR §574.7, tire registration records must be maintained for not less than five years from the date when purchase information is recorded; therefore, the purchase or registration records for many of the subject tires are no longer available.

Based on Michelin production and logistics schedules as of late March 2023, Michelin anticipates that remedy tires will be available as noted in the following list.

Month / Year	Number of SKUs	Number of Tires
May 2023	10	2,786
July 2023	8	3,245
August 2023	2	450
October 2023	4	346
November 2023	2	75
December 2023	12	607
January 2024	1	28
February 2024	2	57
April 2024	1	43
To be determined	9	122

Owners of the subject tires will be notified via a second owner notification letter when their specific SKU of remedy tires are available for ordering. This letter will also include detailed instructions on how to arrange for replacement tires to be shipped to the owner or the owner's specified dealer or restoration shop at no cost to the tire owner. Michelin will provide a cash value debit card to the owners of the subject tires to defray the cost of mounting and balancing the remedy tires.

If necessary, certain recalled SKUs may be replaced with competitor tires of the same tire size.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Remedy tires will bear the DOT marking on both sidewalls as specified in the FMVSS and will be tested confirming compliance with all applicable FMVSS regulations.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** All shipments of noncompliant tires to the US have been stopped and the distributor has been informed that sales of the affected tires must be stopped. Molds are being corrected and appropriate FMVSS testing is being conducted on the involved SKUs.

### Recall Schedule :

**Description of Recall Schedule :** As stated in the remedy section of this Part 573 Report, Michelin will be conducting a phased recall, based on the availability of remedy tires. An interim owner notification letter was approved by NHTSA on 28 February 2023 and was mailed to owners of the subject tires. In accordance with NHTSA regulations, a second mailing to owners of the subject tires no earlier than two weeks before remedy tires will be available. Please refer to the schedule noted in the remedy section of this document for details regarding the timing of the availability of remedy tires.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** DEC 08, 2022 - DEC 08, 2022

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** MAR 28, 2023 - APR 15, 2024

### 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