



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. DAVID ARCHUAL  
MANAGER EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
CORPORATE QUALITY ASSURANCE  
BRIDGESTONE FIRESTONE NORTH AMERICAN TIRE  
535 MARRIOTT DRIVE  
NASHVILLE TN 37214

NVS-215kjs  
07T-007

Subject: FMVSS 139/MISMARKED SIDEWALL/PETITION

Dear MR. ARCHUAL:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Tire/Tire Brand/Tire Size:**  
BRIDGESTONE/DUELER H/T 684 II/P235/60R17

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07T-007

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 5, 2007

**Components:** TIRES: MARKINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,101

**Summary:**  
CERTAIN BFNT DUELER H/T 684 II TIRES, SIZE P235/60R17, MANUFACTURED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 16 AND OCTOBER 27, 2007. ONE SIDEWALL HAS A BLANK PLUG WHERE THE PARTIAL TIRE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) SHOULD BE FOUND WHICH FAILS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 139, "NEW PNEUMATIC RADIAL TIRES FOR LIGHT VEHICLES."

**Consequence:**  
SEE NOTES.

**Remedy:**  
SEE NOTES.

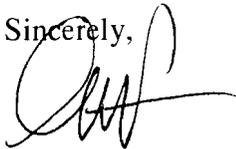
**Notes:**  
THE MANUFACTURER IS PETITIONING NHTSA FOR A DETERMINATION THAT THIS MATTER IS INCONSEQUENTIAL WITH RESPECT TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY. THE MANUFACTURER IS NOT OBLIGATED TO CONDUCT AN OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY CAMPAIGN UNTIL NHTSA HAS RESOLVED THAT THE MATTER IS CONSEQUENTIAL.

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.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at [KELLY.SCHULER@DOT.GOV](mailto:KELLY.SCHULER@DOT.GOV). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement