



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

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535 MARRIOTT DRIVE  
NASHVILLE TN 37214

NVS-215kjs  
08T-024

Subject: FMVSS 119/SPEED RESTRICTION MARKING

Dear MR. KANE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC's (BFNT) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 119, "New pneumatic tires for motor vehicles with a GVWR of more than 4,536 kilograms (10,000 pounds) and motorcycles," with the tire listed below.

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.

**Tires/Tire Brands/Tire Sizes:**  
FIRESTONE/FS400/315/80R22.5 LOAD RANGE L

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08T-024

**Mfg's Report Date:** September 12, 2008

**Components:** TIRES: MARKINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 184

**Summary:**  
BFNT IS RECALLING 184 FIRESTONE BRAND FS400 TIRES, SIZE 315/80R22.5 LOAD RANGE L, COMMERCIAL TRUCK TIRES MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JUNE 15 AND JUNE 28, 2008. THESE TIRES WERE NOT BRANDED WITH THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT RATING REQUIRED BY FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 119, "NEW PNEUMATIC TIRES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A GVWR OF MORE THAN 4,536 KILOGRAMS (10,000 POUNDS) AND MOTORCYCLES."

**Consequence:**

IF THESE TIRES ARE USED AT SPEEDS ABOVE THEIR 55MPH MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT A TREAD/BELT DETACHMENT MAY OCCUR LEADING TO A LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL. THIS CREATES A RISK OF A CRASH, SERIOUS INJURY, OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

BFNT WILL NOTIFY OWNERS OF THE SAFETY CAMPAIGN. FIRESTONE DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE TIRES OF THE LINE AND SIZES COVERED BY THIS CAMPAIGN WITH NEW TIRES; AND MOUNT THE REPLACEMENT TIRES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 19, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BFNT TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-847-3272.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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.

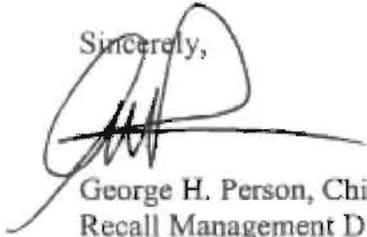
The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received BFNT's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin during April 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', written over a horizontal line.

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