



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. JAY MCCRACKEN  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY  
701 LIMA AVENUE  
FINDLAY, OH 45840

NVS-215kjs  
08T-029

Subject: UNDERCURED/TREAD SEPARATION

Dear MR. MCCRACKEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cooper Tire & Rubber Company's (Cooper Tire) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the products listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:**  
COOPER/CS4 TOURING (VR)/215/55R17

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08T-029

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 11, 2008

**Components:** TIRES:TREAD/BELT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,692

**Summary:**  
COOPER TIRE IS RECALLING 1,692 COOPER CS4 TOURING (VR) TIRES, SIZE 215/55R17, PRODUCED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 7 AND OCTOBER 11, 2008. THESE TIRES MAY HAVE BEEN CURED FOR AN INADEQUATE AMOUNT OF TIME.

**Consequence:**  
THIS CONDITION CAN LEAD TO TREAD SEPARATION, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL AND A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

COOPER TIRE WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE, MOUNT, AND BALANCE ANY DEFECTIVE TIRES FREE OF CHARGE. DEALERS WILL EXAMINE SUSPECT TIRES TO SEE IF THEY FALL IN THE RECALL POPULATION. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 18, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COOPER TIRE CONSUMER RELATIONS TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-854-6288.

**Notes:**

COOPER TIRE'S RECALL NO. 151. 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).

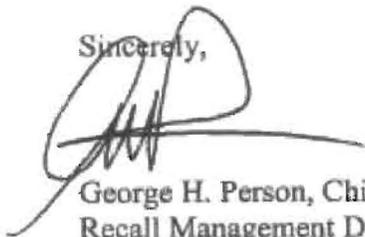
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office 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,



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