



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: November 12, 2015

In reply refer to: H-15-36

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On October 27, 2015, the NTSB adopted its special investigation report on passenger vehicle tire safety, in which we summarize our recent investigative efforts concerning tire-related passenger vehicle crashes and make recommendations to prevent or mitigate the severity of similar crashes.¹ Additional information about tire safety and our recommendations may be found in the special investigation report, which can be accessed at our website, www.nts.gov, under report number NTSB/SIR-15/02.

As a result of safety issues uncovered during our investigations and discussions with experts during a December 2014 symposium on Passenger Vehicle Tire Safety, we issued 11 new recommendations, including 9 to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; 1 to the tire manufacturers (and their subsidiaries) Bridgestone Americas Inc., Continental Tire the Americas LLC, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Hankook Tire America Corporation, Kumho Tire USA Inc., Michelin North America Inc., Pirelli

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Tire North America Inc., Toyo Tire Holdings of Americas Inc., and Yokohama Tire Corporation; and the following 1 recommendation to AAA and the Rubber Manufacturers Association:

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Work together to evaluate the effectiveness of current tire safety efforts in influencing consumer tire purchase and maintenance behaviors, and publish the results of the evaluation.

Chairman HART, Vice Chairman DINH-ZARR, and Members SUMWALT and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov. If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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