



# National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

## Safety Recommendation

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**Date:** November 12, 2015

**In reply refer to:** H-15-37

Mr. Tomoshige Mizutani  
President  
Toyo Tire Holdings of Americas Inc.  
5665 Plaza Drive, Suite 300  
Cypress, CA 90630

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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 AAA and the Rubber Manufacturers Association; and the following 1 recommendation 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., and Yokohama Tire Corporation, as well as to Toyo Tire Holdings of Americas Inc. and your subsidiaries:

H-15-37

Put the safety recall information for your tires on your websites in a format that is searchable by tire identification number as well as by brand and model.

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](mailto: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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By: Christopher A. Hart,  
Chairman



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Mr. Pete Selleck  
Chairman and President  
Michelin North America Inc.  
1 Parkway S.  
Greenville, SC 29615

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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 AAA and the Rubber Manufacturers Association; and the following 1 recommendation 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., Pirelli Tire North America Inc., Toyo

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Tire Holdings of Americas Inc., and Yokohama Tire Corporation, as well as to Michelin North America Inc. and your subsidiaries:

H-15-37

Put the safety recall information for your tires on your websites in a format that is searchable by tire identification number as well as by brand and model.

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

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**Date:** November 12, 2015

**In reply refer to:** H-15-37

Mr. Kim Chang-Kyu  
Chief Executive Officer  
Kumho Tire USA Inc.  
10299 6th Street  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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 AAA and the Rubber Manufacturers Association; and the following 1 recommendation 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, Michelin North America Inc., Pirelli Tire North

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America Inc., Toyo Tire Holdings of Americas Inc., and Yokohama Tire Corporation, as well as to Kumho Tire USA Inc. and your subsidiaries:

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Put the safety recall information for your tires on your websites in a format that is searchable by tire identification number as well as by brand and model.

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

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**In reply refer to:** H-15-37

Mr. Hee Se Ahn  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Hankook Tire America Corporation  
1450 Valley Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470

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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.<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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 AAA and the Rubber Manufacturers Association; and the following 1 recommendation to the tire manufacturers (and their subsidiaries) Bridgestone Americas Inc., Continental Tire the Americas LLC, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Kumho Tire USA Inc., Michelin North America Inc., Pirelli Tire North America Inc., Toyo Tire

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Holdings of Americas Inc., and Yokohama Tire Corporation, as well as to the Hankook Tire America Corporation and your subsidiaries:

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Put the safety recall information for your tires on your websites in a format that is searchable by tire identification number as well as by brand and model.

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](mailto: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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Mr. Richard J. Kramer  
Chairman and President  
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company  
200 Innovation Way  
Akron, OH 44316-0001

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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 AAA and the Rubber Manufacturers Association; and the following 1 recommendation to the tire manufacturers (and their subsidiaries) Bridgestone Americas Inc., Continental Tire the Americas LLC, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Hankook Tire America Corporation, Kumho Tire USA Inc., Michelin North America Inc., Pirelli Tire North America Inc., Toyo Tire Holdings

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of Americas Inc., and Yokohama Tire Corporation, as well as to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and your subsidiaries:

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Put the safety recall information for your tires on your websites in a format that is searchable by tire identification number as well as by brand and model.

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

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Mr. Roy Armes  
Chairman  
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company  
701 Lima Avenue  
Findlay, OH 45840-2315

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Holdings of Americas Inc., and Yokohama Tire Corporation, as well as to the Cooper Tire & Rubber Company and your subsidiaries:

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Put the safety recall information for your tires on your websites in a format that is searchable by tire identification number as well as by brand and model.

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

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**Date:** November 12, 2015

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Mr. Jochen Etzel  
Chief Executive Officer  
Continental Tire the Americas LLC  
1830 MacMillian Park Drive  
Fort Mill, SC 29707

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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 AAA and the Rubber Manufacturers Association; and the following 1 recommendation to the tire manufacturers (and their subsidiaries) Bridgestone Americas Inc., Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Hankook Tire America Corporation, Kumho Tire USA Inc., Michelin North America Inc., Pirelli Tire North America Inc., Toyo Tire Holdings

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of Americas Inc., and Yokohama Tire Corporation, as well as to Continental Tire the Americas LLC and your subsidiaries:

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

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Mr. Gary Garfield  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Bridgestone Americas Inc.  
535 Marriott Drive  
Nashville, TN 37214

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Holdings of Americas Inc., and Yokohama Tire Corporation, as well as to Bridgestone Americas Inc. and your subsidiaries:

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Put the safety recall information for your tires on your websites in a format that is searchable by tire identification number as well as by brand and model.

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

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## Safety Recommendation

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**Date:** November 12, 2015

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Mr. Hikomitsu Noji  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Yokohama Tire Corporation  
1 MacArthur Place, Suite 800  
Santa Ana, CA 92707

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Tire North America Inc., and Toyo Tire Holdings of Americas Inc., as well as to Yokohama Tire Corporation and your subsidiaries:

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

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Mr. Pierluigi Dinelli  
Chief Executive Officer  
Pirelli Tire North America Inc.  
100 Pirelli Drive  
Rome, GA 30161

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