



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

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Washington, DC 20590

April 20, 2012

MR. JOHN EMERSON  
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MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA, INC.  
515 MICHELIN ROAD  
GREENVILLE, SC 29602-1987

NVS-215kjs  
12T-009

**SUBJECT: LOSS OF CASING INTEGRITY/RAPID AIR LOSS**

**DEAR MR. EMERSON:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Michelin North America, Inc.'s (Michelin) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the tires listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

MICHELIN/XM505 LRJ/305/85R22.5

MICHELIN/XZU2 LRJ/12R22.5

MICHELIN/XZU3 LRJ/305/85R22.5

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12T-009      **Mfg's Report Date:** April 11, 2012

**Components:** TIRES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 77,775

**Summary:**

MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA, INC. (MICHELIN) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MICHELIN XZU3 LRJ, SIZE 305/85R22.5, AND MICHELIN XZU2 LRJ, SIZE 12R22.5, TIRES PRODUCED BETWEEN OCTOBER 23, 2005, AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2011; AND MICHELIN XM505 LRJ, SIZE 305/85R22.5, TIRES PRODUCED BETWEEN APRIL 18, 2010, AND MAY 8, 2010, AND JANUARY 23, 2011, AND FEBRUARY 12, 2011. THESE TIRES HAVE A CASING THAT MAY EXPERIENCE A LOSS OF INTEGRITY AND, IN SOME CASES, HAVE RAPID AIR LOSS.

**Consequence:**

RAPID AIR LOSS OF THE TIRE WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN USE, COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

MICHELIN WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CUSTOMERS ON HOW TO OBTAIN REPLACEMENT TIRES. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT APRIL 30, 2012.

**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).

Please be reminded of the following:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. 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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports 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, 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 the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement