



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

MR. CURTIS DECKER
NATIONAL MANAGER
CONTINENTAL TIRE NORTH AMERICA, INC.
1800 CONTINENTAL BLVD.
CHARLOTTE, NC 28273

NVS-215kjs
05T-001

Subject: POSSIBLE TIRE FAILURE

Dear MR. DECKER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

CONTINENTAL/HDL
CONTINENTAL/HSL
CONTINENTAL/HSR
CONTINENTAL/HSR
CONTINENTAL/HTL
GENERAL/S380A
GENERAL/ST250
TOYO/M122
TOYO/M122
TOYO/M127
YOKOHAMA/RV023
YOKOHAMA/RV023
YOKOHAMA/RV587
YOKOHAMA/RV587
YOKOHAMA/RV617
YOKOHAMA/TY517
YOKOHAMA/TY517

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05T-001

Recall Date: January 24, 2005

Components:
TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 143

Summary:

THE RUBBER COMPOUND USED IN THE SHOULDER PAD COMPONENT OF THE TIRE IS NOT CORRECT

Consequence:

THE OVERALL DURABILITY OF THE TIRE IS REDUCED, WHICH IF DRIVEN UNCHECKED, THE TIRE COULD DEGRADE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

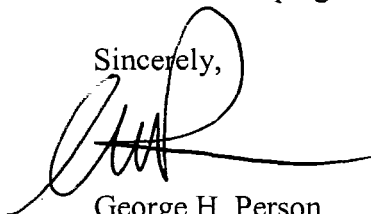
Remedy:

CONTINENTALTOYO, AND YOKOHAMA WILL NOTIFY ITS CUSTOMERS AND REPLACE THE TIRES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2005.

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 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).

Your contact for this recall will be KELLY SCHULER, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at KSCHULER@NHTSA.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 read 'G. Person', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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