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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150CL
21T-001

Subject: Tire Failure may Cause Sudden Air Loss

Dear Mr. Morgenstern:

This letter serves to acknowledge Continental Tire the Americas, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

BARUM/BRAVURIS 3 HM/215/55 R 16 97H
CONTINENTAL/4X4 CONTACT/255/50 R 19 107H
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/205/65 R 16 95H
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/215/55 R 16 97H
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/235/40 R 19 92H
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/235/45 R 19 95H
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/235/55 R 17 99H
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT/P215/60 R 16 94T
CONTINENTAL/CONTIPROCONTACT SSR/245/45 R 18 100V
CONTINENTAL/CONTISPORTCONTACT 5/255/45 R 20 101W
CONTINENTAL/CONTITRAC/LT275/65 R 18 123/120S
CONTINENTAL/CONTROLCONTACT TOUR A/S PLUS/225/55 R 17 97H
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX/225/65 R 17 102T
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/235/65 R 18 106H
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/245/50R20 102H
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/245/60 R 18 105T
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/255/50 R 19 107H
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/255/50 R 20 105T
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/255/50 ZR 19 107W
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/255/50R20 105T
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/265/45 R 20 108H
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX SPORT/265/45 R 21 104V
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX20/235/60 R 18 107H
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX20/255/55 R 20 107H
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX20/P275/55 R 20 111S
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX25/245/50 R 20 102H
CONTINENTAL/CROSSCONTACT LX25/255/50 R 19 107H
CONTINENTAL/EXTREMECONTACT DWS06/245/45 R 19 98Y
CONTINENTAL/PREMIUMCONTACT 6/315/30 R 22 107Y
CONTINENTAL/PREMIUMCONTACT 6 SSR/275/40 R 22 107Y

CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/215/60 R 16 95H
CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/225/55 R 18 98H
CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/225/60 R 18 100H
CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/235/60 R 18 103H
CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT TX/P205/55 R 16 89V
CONTINENTAL/PURECONTACT LS/205/55 R 16 91V
CONTINENTAL/SURECONTACT LX/265/65 R 18 114T
CONTINENTAL/TERRAINCONTACT A/T/275/55 R 20 113T
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/225/60 R 17 99H
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/225/60 R 18 100H
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/235/55R19 105V
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/245/45 R 20 99V
GENERAL TIRE/ALTIMAX RT43/245/50 R 20 105H
GENERAL TIRE/AMERITRAC TR/P265/70 R 17 113H
GENERAL TIRE/EXCLAIM HPX A/S/205/50 R 17 93V
GENERAL TIRE/EXCLAIM HPX A/S/215/55 R 17 94V
GENERAL TIRE/EXCLAIM HPX A/S/225/50 R 17 94V
GENERAL TIRE/EXCLAIM HPX A/S/235/55 R 17 99W
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/265/70 R 17 115T
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/35 X 12.50 R 18 123R
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT265/70 R 17 121/118S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT265/70 R 18 124/121S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT275/60 R 20 119/116S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT275/65 R 18 123/120R
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT275/70 R 18 125/122R
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER A/TX/LT285/70 R 17 121/118S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER APT/255/75 R 17 115T
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER APT/265/75 R 16 116T
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER APT/P275/70 R 18 116S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER ARCTIC LT/LT245/70 R 17 119/116R
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER AT2/265/70R16 112S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HD/LT245/75 R 16 120/116S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/235/65 R 17 108H
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/255/70 R 17 112S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/265/70 R 18 116S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/LT225/75 R 16 115/112S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/P245/70 R 17 108S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS/P255/70 R 17 110S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/225/75 R 16 104S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/235/65 R 18 106T
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/245/65 R 17 107T
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/275/60 R 20 115S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER HTS60/LT245/75 R 16 120/116S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER STX/245/65 R 17 107T
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER STX/265/70 R 17 115S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER STX2/275/60 R 20 115S
GENERAL TIRE/GRABBER X3/35 X 12.50 R 20 121Q
GENERAL TIRE/RELIATREK HT/245/65 R 17 107H

Mfr's Report Date: February 15, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21T-001

Components:
TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 93,959

Problem Description:

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC. (Continental Tire) is recalling certain Continental, General, and Barum brand tires sold as original or replacement equipment. The affected tires were cured for too long during production.

Consequence:

Over cured tires may develop a break in the sidewall resulting in sudden air loss or a belt edge separation which could lead to a tread/belt loss. Either condition can cause a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Continental Tire will notify the owners that purchased the tires as replacement equipment. Various vehicle manufacturers will conduct recalls for vehicles equipped with these tires at the time of purchase. The tires will be inspected to verify that they are affected, and will be replaced as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 5, 2021. Owners may contact Continental Tire customer service at 1-888-799-2168.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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. Also, 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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.

Continental Tire the Americas, LLC's contact for this recall will be Choon Lee who may be reached by email at choon.lee@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement