Form Number—This collection of information uses no standard forms. Requested Expiration Date of Approval—Three years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information—The Motor Vehicle Theft Law Enforcement Act of 1984 was amended by the Anti Car Theft Act (ACTA) of 1992 (P.L. 102–519) which mandated this information collection. One component of the comprehensive theft prevention package required the Secretary of Transportation (delegated to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)) to promulgate a theft prevention standard to provide for the identification of certain motor vehicles and their major replacement parts to impede motor vehicle theft. Section 615 of the ACTA requires insurance companies and rental/leasing companies to provide information to NHTSA on comprehensive insurance premiums which address motor vehicle theft.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information—The insurer’s report will be submitted by motor vehicle insurance companies and rental/leasing companies on an annual basis to NHTSA. All rental/leasing companies (which have a fleet of 50,000 or more units in its fleet and are not covered by theft insurance policies issued by motor vehicle insurers) are bound to comply. Specific motor vehicle insurance companies and subject rental and leasing companies are listed in Appendices A, B, and C of Part 544. These reports are required to be submitted in a specified format as shown in Parts 544.5 and 544.6, giving requirements and contents of the report.

The information will be used by NHTSA in exercising its statutory authority to help reduce comprehensive insurance premiums charged by insurers of motor vehicles due to motor vehicle thefts. The report will also show the rate of theft and recoveries of stolen vehicles that they insure by type and other categories.

Without this information, the agency cannot adequately assess the effectiveness of the ACTA as directed by Congress.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)—The respondents are specific vehicle insurance companies, and rental/leasing companies (which have a fleet size of 50,000 or more and are not covered by theft insurance policies issued by motor vehicle insurers). The agency estimates the number of respondents to total 30 vehicle insurance companies and 13 rental/leasing companies. The frequency of response to the collection of information is determined by the number of specific motor vehicle insurance companies, and rental/leasing companies listed in Appendices A, B, and C of Part 544. The lists are updated annually.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information—The agency estimates that the reporting burden for this year will be $1,168,090 for 30 insurance companies and $99,840 for approximately 13 rental/leasing companies with a fleet size of 50,000 or more. The reporting burden is based on claim adjusters’ salaries, clerical and technical expenses, and labor costs.

Authority: 440 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.
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Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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[Docket No. 96–100; Notice No. 1]
Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.
ACTION: Request for public comment on proposed collections of information.

SUMMARY: This notice solicits public comments that labeling requirements ensure that tires are mounted on the appropriate rims; and that the rims and tires are mounted on the vehicles for which they are intended.

Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under new procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatements of previously approved collections.

This document describes the collection of data used by a tire manufacturer, when it determines that some of its tires either fail to comply with an applicable safety standard or contain a safety-related defect, for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before February 28, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must refer to the docket and notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Section, Room 5109, NHTSA, 400 Seventh St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB Clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 1 original plus 2 copies of the comments be provided. The Docket Section is open on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Complete copies of each NHTSA request for collection of information approval may be obtained at no charge from Mr. Edward Kosek, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 6123, Washington, D.C. 20590. Mr. Kosek’s telephone number is (202) 366–2589. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Clearance Number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must publish a document in the Federal Register providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB’s regulations (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
(ii) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks public comment on the following proposed collections of information:

Tires and Rims Labeling

Type of Request—Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved
collection for which approval has expired.

OMB Clearance Number—2127–0053.

Form Number—This collection of information uses no standard form.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval—Three years from the approval date.

Summary of the Collection of Information—The labeling of motor vehicle tire and rims with information required by the regulations and standards to benefit motor vehicle manufacturers and consumers.

Primarily, these labeling requirements (49 CFR Parts 569 & 574) help ensure that tires are mounted on appropriate rims; and that the rims and tires are mounted on vehicles for which they are intended.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information—The agency has not considered methods of collecting the required information and providing it to consumers and tire dealers other than permanently labeling motor vehicles, tires, and rims. The safety information provided on the labels is needed throughout the useful life of the motor vehicle, tire, or rim. The permanent vehicle, tire, and rim labels are required by the federal standards for tires and rims. These standards are legal obstacles to reducing the burden of the labeling requirements.

Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number, and Proposed Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information)—The estimated number of respondents totals 6,673; the frequency of response will be one time a tire or rim is manufactured.

Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Record keeping Burden Resulting from the Collection of Information. The yearly burden rate for new tire manufacturers, retreaders and rim manufacturers to label the motor vehicle tires and rims is 264,444 hours.

The labeling requirements apply to all motor vehicle tires and rims intended for use on the nation's highways regardless of the size of the manufacturer or retreader. The burden to small manufacturers and entities resulting from the labeling requirements cannot be adjusted or minimized since all tires and rims must be labeled with this information.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3506(c); delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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