

FMVSS 105, Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems;
FMVSS 135, Passenger Car Brake Systems;

FMVSS 205, Glazing Materials;
FMVSS 209, Seat Belt Assemblies;
and

Part 567, Certification.

FMVSS 105, Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems and FMVSS 135, Passenger Car Brake Systems require that each vehicle shall have a brake fluid warning statement in letters at least one-eighth of an inch high on the master cylinder reservoirs and located so as to be visible by direct view.

FMVSS 205, Glazing Materials, requires that manufacturers mark their automotive glazing with certain label information, including:

Manufacturer's distinctive trademark;
Manufacturer's "DOT" code number;
Model of glazing (alpha-numerical designation); and

Type of glazing (there are currently 21 items of glazing ranging from plastic windows to bullet resistant windshields).

In addition to these requirements which apply to all glazing, certain specialty items such as standee windows in buses, roof openings and interior partitions made of plastic require that the manufacturer affix a removable label to each item. The label specifies cleaning instructions which will minimize the loss of transparency. Other information may be provided by the manufacturer but is not required.

FMVSS 209, Seat Belt Assemblies, requires safety belts to be labeled with the year of manufacture, the model, and the name or trademark of the manufacturer (S4.5(j)). Additionally, replacement safety belts that for specific models of motor vehicles must have labels or accompanying instruction sheets to specify the applicable vehicle models and seating positions (S4.5(k)). All other replacement belts are required to be accompanied by an installation instruction sheet (S4.1(k)).

Seat belt assemblies installed as original equipment in new motor vehicles need not be required to be labeled with position/model information. This information is only useful if the assembly is removed with the intention of using the assembly as a replacement in another vehicle; this is not a common practice.

Part 567, Certification, responds to 49 U.S.C. 30111 that requires each manufacturer or distributor of motor vehicles to furnish to the dealer or distributor of the vehicle a certification that the vehicle meets all applicable FMVSS. This certification is required by that provision to be in the form of a

label permanently affixed to the vehicle. Under 49 U.S.C. 32504, vehicle manufacturers are directed to make a similar certification with regard to bumper standards. To implement this requirement, NHTSA issued 49 CFR part 567. The agency's regulations establish form and content requirements for the certification labels.

Estimated Annual Burden: 72959 hours.

Number of Respondents: 1214.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2000-8459; Notice 1]

Continental General Tire, Inc., Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Continental General Tire, Inc., (Continental) has determined that approximately 22,500 P235/75R15 Grabber AT OWL passenger car tires do not meet the labeling requirements mandated by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 109, "New Pneumatic Tires."

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Continental has petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

This notice of receipt of an application is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the application.

FMVSS No. 109 requires that each tire shall have permanently molded into or onto both sidewalls the actual number of plies in the sidewall, and the actual number of plies in the tread area if different. (S4.3(e)).

The noncompliance with S4.3(e) relates to the mold number. Mold numbers 33316 and 33317 ran for the production period of March 28, 1999 through August 25, 2000 with an incorrect sidewall stamping. The stamping at the rim line read: "Tread 5 plies—2 Steel + 2 Polyester +1 Nylon." It should have read: Tread 4 Plies—2 Steel + 2 Polyester.

Continental states that the sidewalls of the tire have all the proper markings, except the subject plies, per 49 CFR Section 571.109 and that in all applications the tire service information is correct and no unsafe conditions would be created due to the noncompliance.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below. Comment closing date: (30 days after Publication Date).

(49 U.S.C. 301118, 301120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA 2000-8247; Notice 1]

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper) has determined that approximately 8,824 motorcycle tires produced at the Melksham, England, tire manufacturing facility of Cooper-Avon Tyres Limited, do not meet the labeling requirements mandated by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 119, "New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles Other than Passenger Cars".

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30118(d) and 30120(h), Cooper has petitioned for a determination that this noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety and has filed an appropriate report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

This notice of receipt of an application is published under 49 U.S.C. 30118 and 30120 and does not represent any agency decision or other exercise of judgment concerning the merits of the application.

The noncompliance relates to the mislabeling of approximately 8,824 tires. The tires, produced during the first twenty weeks of 2000, are the MT90-16 71H, Load Range B, motorcycle tires sold to one original equipment manufacturer/customer under the brand names AVON MT90-16 Roadrunner, AVON MT90-16 Gangster, and Avon MT90-16 Indian. These tires were produced with the incorrect maximum load rating on the serial side of the tire during the first through the twentieth production weeks of 2000. Approximately 8,124 of the tires involved have been accounted for in either Cooper's inventory or the inventory of original equipment manufacturer/customer, leaving an estimated 700 tires not accounted for in either inventory.

According to Cooper, this mislabeling does not present a safety-related defect. The tires involved are designed to carry a heavier load (770 lbs.) than the incorrect labeling specified (760 lbs.). Consequently, any misapplication of the tire would be for the user to carry a lighter load than the load for which the tires are designed. The tires produced from this mold during the aforementioned production periods comply with all other requirements of 49 CFR 571.119.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments on the application described above. Comments should refer to the docket number and be submitted to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. It is requested that two copies be submitted.

All comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated below will be considered. The application and supporting materials, and all comments received after the closing date, will also be filed and will be considered to the extent possible. When the application is granted or denied, the notice will be published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to the authority indicated below. Comment closing date: February 1, 2001.

(49 U.S.C. 301118, 301120; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8)

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA)

[Docket No. RSPA-98-4470]

Pipeline Safety: Meetings of Pipeline Safety Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) notice is given of the following meetings of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC). Both the TPSSC and the THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise the RSPA's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) on proposed safety standards and other safety policies for hazardous liquid and natural gas pipelines. Each committee has an authorized membership of 15 persons—five each representing government, industry, and the public. The committees typically meet twice a year, in May and November. However, the next advisory committee meetings will be held on February 6-7, 2001, to allow the committees to review several proposed rules early in the year to allow for the timely completion of these projects.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mail or deliver to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. It is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. You also may submit written comments to the docket electronically. To do so, log onto the following Internet Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. Click on "Help & Information" for instructions on how to file a document electronically. All written comments should identify the docket number stated in the heading of this notice. Anyone desiring confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard.

The conference room numbers for this meeting will be posted on the OPS web page approximately 15 days before the meeting date at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Juan Carlos Martinez at (202) 366-1933.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl Whetsel, OPS, (202) 366-4431 or Richard Huriaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, February 6, 2001, at 9 a.m., the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) will meet. The preliminary agenda includes discussion of the following issues:

1. Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas (Gas Transmission Pipeline).
2. Revision to Gas Incident/Annual Report Form.
3. Gas Gathering Line Definition.
4. Plastic Pipe Data Committee.

On Tuesday, February 6, 2001, from 1-4 p.m., the TPSSC will be joined by members of the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC) for a joint session. The preliminary agenda includes discussion of the following topics:

1. An Overview of the State of the Pipeline Safety Program (including Reauthorization, Inspector General and General Accounting Office Reports, and National Transportation Safety Board Recommendations, Research and Development Plans).
2. Drug Testing—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Vote).

On Wednesday, February 7, 2001, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., the joint meeting will continue with a demonstration of the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS). The Committee will also hear a report on concepts for community right-to-know reporting.

The Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee will meet on Wednesday afternoon from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. The preliminary agenda includes discussion of the following topics:

1. Producer—Operated Outer Continental Shelf Gas & Hazardous Liquid Pipelines that Cross Directly into State Water—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Vote).
2. Pipeline Integrity Management in High Consequence Areas for Hazardous Liquid Pipelines < 500 Miles—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Vote).