

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 21T-003

**Manufacturer Name :** Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.**Submission Date :** FEB 21, 2021**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21T-003**Manufacturer Recall No. :** 177-2**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Cooper Tire &amp; Rubber Co.

Address : 701 Lima Avenue

Findlay OH 45840

Company phone : 4194206040

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 11,957

Estimated percentage with defect : 35 %

**Tire Information :**

Tire Brand 1 : Mastercraft

Tire Line : LSR Grand Touring

Tire Size : 225/55R17

**Descriptive Information :** The affected population is certain standard load radial tubeless passenger tires produced by the manufacturer from July 19, 2020 through August 09, 2020; October 18, 2020 through November 7, 2020 and December 13, 2020 through January 2, 2021. These products differ from other products in that they have a unique brand, size, or DOT code.

Production Dates : JUL 19, 2020 - JAN 02, 2021

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)**

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
U9	00	FY7	2920	3220
U9	00	FY7	4220	4420
U9	00	FY7	5120	0121

Tire Brand 2 : Cooper

Tire Line : CS5 Grand Touring

Tire Size : 225/55R17

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**Production Dates :** JUL 20, 2020 - JAN 02, 2021

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
U9	00	1CW	2920	3220
U9	00	1CW	4220	4420
U9	00	1CW	5120	0121

### Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** The subject tires were produced between the dates of July 19, 2020 and August 09, 2020; October 18, 2020 through November 7, 2020 and December 13, 2020 through January 2, 2021 and may have low tread gauge in the shoulder slot area of the tire.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** The condition may cause cracking at the base of the shoulder slots which could lead to tread separation and, if undetected, tire failure.

**Description of the Cause :** NR

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** The affected tires may have a visual anomaly on the outside shoulder area of the tire. In-service conditions may include a ride disturbance or in certain cases, vehicle steering or ride may be impacted, providing operator notice.

### Involved Components :

Component Name : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Cooper Tire & Rubber Company  
Address : 1804 South Green Street  
Tupelo Mississippi 38804  
Country : United States

**Chronology :**

The existence of the condition was initially identified through surveillance testing completed on August 11, 2020. A product restriction was immediately issued and production records reviewed. Cooper Tire concluded that tires produced during production weeks 2920 through 3220 may have the condition. A search of internal inventories was completed. Cooper Tire's Compliance Committee met on September 10, 2020 and determined that a potential safety condition exists in the subject tires and voluntarily recalled 1,983 tires. Those tires were initially recalled in Recall No. 20T017 filed on September 16, 2020. There have been no property damage or death or injury claims associated with any of these tires.

On January 28, 2021, Cooper Tire's surveillance testing identified additional tires with this condition. A product restriction was immediately issued and production records reviewed. Cooper Tire concluded that additional tires produced during production weeks 2920 and 3220 as well as tires produced during weeks 4220, 4320, 4420, 5120, 5220 and 0121 may have this condition. Cooper Tire's Compliance Committee met on February 12, 2021 and determined that an additional 9,974 tires should be voluntarily recalled for the condition originally identified. There have been no property damage or death and injury claims associated with any of these tires. At NHTSA's request, Cooper Tire is recalling the total population impacted by this recall, i.e. the tires recalled in 20T017 as well as the additional impacted tires.

## Description of Remedy :

**Description of Remedy Program :** Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper Tire) will initiate a voluntary safety recall of the subject tires. Cooper Tire will contact registered owners that purchased tires of the specified date range by registered mail. Customer correspondence will explain the issue, and include instructions on how to obtain replacement tires, as well as instructions for collecting reimbursement for remedies made prior to recall. The 11,957 tires with affected identification numbers should be returned to one of Cooper Tire & Rubber Company's Regional Inspection Points, where they will be inspected for the affected DOT tire identification numbers. All tires found to have an affected DOT identification number will be replaced and will be scrapped according to applicable law. Consumer who have had their tires replaced before this recall may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall.

In accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 573.6(c) (9) (i), Cooper Tire & Rubber Company will make dealers aware of the legal requirements associated with the prohibition against the sale of recalled tires through a Dealer Notification Letter that will be submitted to the agency separately pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 573.6(c) (10). The program for disposing of all recalled tires returned to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company will comply with applicable state and local laws and regulations regarding the disposal of tires, and to the extent possible, tires will be channeled into a category of positive reuse or another alternative beneficial non-vehicular reuse, instead of being disposed of in landfills.

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** The remedy components will differ from the recalled components in that they will have a unique brand, size, or DOT code. The recalled components are COOPER CS5 GRAND TOURING, DOT code U9 00 1CW 2920 through 3220, 4220 through 4420 and 5120 through 0121 and MASTERCRAFT LSR GRAND TOURING, DOT code U9 00 FY7 2920 through 3220 4220 through 4420 and 5120 through 0121.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** The issue was resolved through a tread extrusion die recut, manufacturing adjustments, as well as additional employee training which was all completed by February 2021.

## Recall Schedule :

**Description of Recall Schedule :** The Dealer notification letters will be mailed between February 25, 2021 and March 19, 2021. The Tire owner notification letters will be mailed as soon as NHTSA approval is received, but in no case later than 60 days from February 19, 2021.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** FEB 25, 2021 - MAR 19, 2021

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** NR - NR

**Purchaser Information :**

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Company Phone : NR

\* NR - Not Reported