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Subject: Tires Possibly Deformed During Curing Process

Dear Harald 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:
CONTINENTAL/PROCONTACT GX SSR MOE/225/45R18 95H XL

Mfr's Report Date: October 6, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14T-012

Components: TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,993

Problem Description:
Continental Tire the Americas, LLC (CTA) is recalling certain ProContact GX SSR MOE tires, size 225/45R18 95H XL, manufactured June 22, 2014, to July 28, 2014, used for front axle fitment on 2015 Mercedes-Benz C-Class vehicles. The affected tires may have been deformed during the curing process, and could cause the tire tread to appear distorted when inflated.

Consequence:
A tire that was deformed during the curing process may suddenly fail during use, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:
CTA has notified owners, and tire dealers or Mercedes-Benz dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. The recall began on October 30, 2014. Owners may contact CTA 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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

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.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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