

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15T-004****Manufacturer Name :** TIRECO INC.**Submission Date :** FEB 05,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15T-004**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : TIRECO INC.
 Address : 500 W. 190TH ST. 6TH FLOOR
 GARDENA CA 90248-4265
 Company phone : 310-767-7990

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 3,793
 Estimated percentage with defect : 0

Tire Information :

Tire Brand : Milestar
 Tire Line : BS623
 Tire Size : 225/70R19.5
 Descriptive Information : Medium Truck Tires -Premium All Position Milestar
 Production Dates : JUN 09, 2014 - SEP 28, 2014

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
80	AW	BTWH	2414	3914

Tire Brand : Milestar
 Tire Line : BD733
 Tire Size : 225/70R19.5
 Descriptive Information : Medium Truck Tires - Regional Open Shoulder Drive
 Production Dates : JUN 09, 2014 - SEP 28, 2014

TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	OptionalCode	Begin M Code:	End M Code
80	AW	BTWI	2414	3914

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Tireco has become aware that some of the tires covered by this report have experienced cracks in the lower sidewall. If those cracks continue to propagate, it could lead to a blowout in the sidewall of the tire.

Description of the Safety Risk : If the cracks continue to propagate, it could lead to a blowout in the sidewall of the tire. If that were to occur, there could be a loss of control, which could lead to a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR
Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Shandong Wanda Boto Tyre Co., Ltd.

Address : 68 Yongshen Road

Dongying City, Shandong FOREIGN STATES 257506

Country : China

Chronology :

September 15, 2014 – Tireco received a customer complaint regarding four tires with cracking in the lower sidewall. Tireco checked the warranty history and found no noticeable trends.

September 17 – Tireco notified Boto of the complaint and sent pictures of the cracked tires. Tireco asked Boto to investigate to see if anything in the manufacturing process may have caused the cracking.

September 29 – Boto reported that they had found an issue with a tire building machine that may cause the lower sidewall cracking. At this time the extent or severity of the issue was unknown. Boto made changes to the tire building machine and started testing tires made before and after this machine change. The testing showed that the tires satisfied FMVSS No. 119 performance requirements.

Early October – Tireco received more adjustment tires that exhibited the same condition.

October 7 – Tireco froze all inventory of the tires to prevent any future sales. Tireco also began the process of returning the unsold tires from Tireco's regional warehouses to Tireco's main warehouse in Fontana, CA.

October – November – Tireco continued to closely monitor warranty returns, and communicated with Boto on production, shipment and inventory numbers.

November 10-20 – Boto Engineering & Quality personnel visited Fontana, CA to inspect tires that had been frozen in inventory.

November 26 – Tireco had a conference call with Bruce York of NHTSA. The parties discussed the situation, the testing that had taken place, and the fact that there were no failures in the field. Tireco proposed to conduct a Customer Satisfaction Campaign and further proposed to have independent third party testing. Mr. York agreed with the approach to that point, but also asked that additional tires be shipped to NHTSA for testing.

NOTE: Remainder of Chronology is in "Comments to NHTSA Staff."

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Consistent with 49 U.S.C. 30120(a)(1)(B), Tireco will offer to provide a full

refund of the entire purchase price of each of the tires covered by this report.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Not applicable.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : See Chronology

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Tireco plans to notify its dealers and all known purchasers of the tires by February 27, 2015.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

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