

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 22T-009

**Manufacturer Name :** Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

**Submission Date :** JUN 02, 2022

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 22T-009

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR



### Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

**Address :** 200 Innovation Way

Akron OH 44316

**Company phone :** 330-796-2121

### Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 173,237

**Estimated percentage with defect :** NR

### Tire Information :

**Tire Brand 1 :** Goodyear

**Tire Line :** G159

**Tire Size :** 275/70R22.5

**Descriptive Information :** The population consists of 275/70R22.5 G159 tires with a DOT code shown below and produced by Goodyear for sale in the United States. The campaign does not include other G159 tires.

**Production Dates :** FEB 01, 1996 - JAN 31, 2003

### TIN (Tire Identification Number)

Plant ID	Size code	Optional Code	Begin M Code	End M Code
MC	6Y	270W	046	0403
MC	6Y	2BEW	046	0403
NB	7T	2T8W	046	0403

### Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** Certain size 275/70R22.5 G159 tires installed on motorhomes experienced tread separations and other failures when exposed to conditions present in that market segment, including overloading and underinflation. The estimated population of these tires is undetermined. Production of the subject tire ended in January 2003. This Part 573 Report is being submitted to address concerns that some of these size 275/70R22.5 G159 tires may still remain in service.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Tread separations can lead to loss of vehicle control, resulting in increased risk of crash.

**Description of the Cause :** Some size 275/70R22.5 G159 tires installed on motorhomes experienced tread separations resulting from the motorhome manufacturer inadequately

specifying reserve loads, as well as overloading and underinflation common to the motorhome application.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Operators of these recreational vehicles may notice noise or vibration that could indicate a potential tire tread separation.

### Involved Components :

Component Name : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

### Supplier Identification :

#### Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

### Chronology :

- NHTSA opened a preliminary evaluation (PE17-009) on December 28, 2017 to review and analyze allegations brought forward by a private litigant that the 275/70R22.5 G159 tire contained safety related defects that had caused motorhome crashes resulting in deaths and injuries to occupants of these vehicles.
- As part of PE17-009, NHTSA sent an information request to Goodyear on April 3, 2018. Goodyear submitted a response to that information request in May 2018.
- After a series of conversations and meetings between Goodyear and NHTSA, by letter of February 22, 2022, NHTSA requested that Goodyear conduct a safety recall of the 275/70R22.5 G159 tire (the "Subject Tires"). Goodyear filed its response to that letter on March 8, 2022, declining the request.
- To address concerns that some of these tires may still be in the marketplace or in use, Goodyear has agreed to undertake this recall.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : - Any person that presents a recreational vehicle containing a Subject Tire will receive a 275/70R22.5 Goodyear G670 tire free of charge. Goodyear will cover the cost of dismounting and disposing of the Subject Tire and mounting and balancing the new G670 tire. Additionally, any person presenting a Subject Tire on a recreational vehicle will be provided a voucher in the amount of \$60 to cover the cost of having the vehicle professionally weighed.

- Any person who owns a Subject Tire not installed on a recreational vehicle can exchange it for \$500.

- Instructions to dealers will specify that any tire removed under this recall is to be rendered unsuitable for resale for installation on motor vehicles prior to returning to Goodyear for credit. All removed tires returned to Goodyear will be used by our recycler for various recycling purposes.

- Since the motorhome manufacturers that specified the Subject Tires no longer are in business, and Goodyear does not have, or have access to, any registration data for the Subject Tires, Goodyear will issue an information bulletin describing this campaign. The bulletin will be published on certain Goodyear websites and issued to Tire Service Centers and Tire Dealers. Goodyear also will make contact with leading trade associations and interest groups representing recreational vehicle manufacturers, suppliers and owners, and will request that the bulletin be made available to their membership, including through publication on those organizations' websites and/or in their monthly publications.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedy tires are from Goodyear's G670 tire line.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : N/A. Production of the Subject Tire had already stopped at the time NHTSA opened PE17-009.

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

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