

SERVICE BULLETIN

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TO: ALL CUSTOMERS

SUBJECT: IMPROPER PATCHING OF TUBE TYPE BLEMISH TIRES

SAFETY WARNING

From time to time, certain tubeless tires, both passenger and truck, are marketed as TUBE BLEMISH tires. These tires may be identified from the fact that the word(s) "TUBELESS" which were originally molded on the sidewall have been removed and the words "TUBE TYPE" and "BLEMISH" are branded onto both sidewalls of the tire.

When a TUBELESS tire is marketed as a TUBE TYPE BLEMISH, the tire's sidewalls are awled completely through the tubeless inner liner to prevent the tire from holding air. These tires then require the use of a new tube of the proper size for construction; that is, radial tubes for radial tires and bias ply tubes for bias ply tires.

DANGER

TUBE TYPE BLEMISH tires must be limited to tube type service only and are never to be used as tubeless tires. Attempts to patch the awl holes in an effort to use these tires as tubeless tires is an EXTREMELY DANGEROUS practice because patches, plugs and plug patch combination repairs in the sidewall are not serviceable and may fail in use. THIS COULD CAUSE A LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY OR EVEN DEATH. Any attempt to patch awl holes in these tires voids any and all warranties, express or implied, given by the manufacturer.

Satisfactory service will be received when TUBE TYPE BLEMISH tires are used with a tube of the proper size and construction.

PLEASE post this Service Bulletin in a conspicuous location in your business where all of your customers will see it.

Additional copies of this Service Bulletin are available and can be obtained by contacting the Consumer Relations Department, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Findlay, Ohio, telephone 419-423-1321.