

SERVICE BULLETIN

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To: All Customers

TREAD MARKINGS PASSENGER AND LIGHT TRUCK TIRES

Beginning in 1998, Cooper has implemented a tread striping identification system. The goal of this system is to present a visual indication to manufacturing, warehousing operations, and to our customers to facilitate tire sorting.

The marking details are as follows:

Radial Passenger

(Yellow Stripe)

All tires with an EVEN rim diameter (12", 14", 16", etc.) and an EVEN number in the second digit of the cross-section (185, 225, 245, etc.) will be identified with a circumferential **yellow** stripe on the tread.

(White Stripe)

All tires with an ODD number in the second digit of the cross-section (195, 215, 235, etc.) will be identified with a circumferential **white** stripe on the tread.

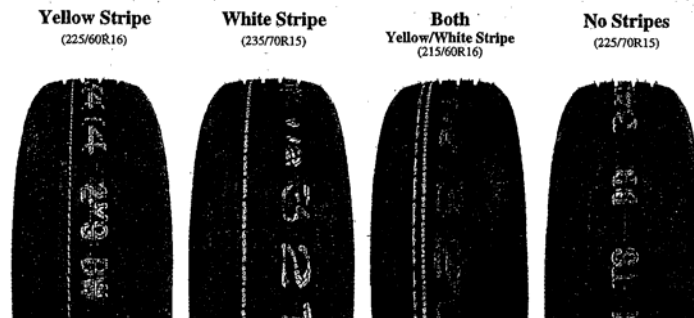
(Yellow & White Stripe)

All tires with an EVEN rim diameter (12", 14", 16", etc.) and an ODD number in the second digit of the cross-section (195, 215, 235, etc.) will be identified with **both** a yellow and a white circumferential stripe on the tread.

(No Stripe)

All tires with an ODD rim diameter (13", 15", 17", etc.) and an EVEN number in the second digit of the cross-section (185, 225, 245, etc.) will not exhibit circumferential identification stripes on the tread.

An illustration of the Radial Passenger markings is noted below:



CONSUMER RELATIONS

COOPER TIRE

Radial Light Truck

(Bar/Block Marking)

All 16.5" radial light truck tires will be identified with a 1.75" bar mark (block) every few inches around tire on the tread.

(No Bar/Block Marking)

All sizes OTHER than 16.5" radial light truck tires will **not** be identified with the 1.75" bar mark (block) on the tread.

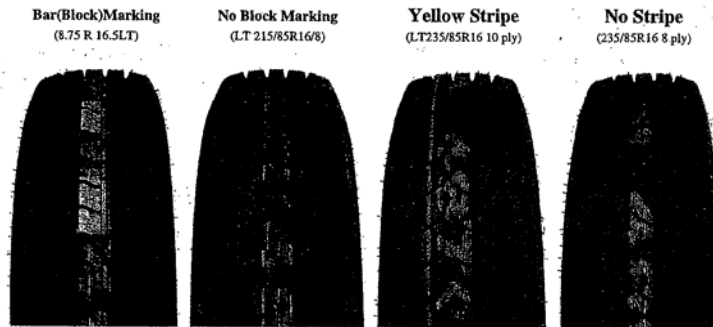
(Yellow Stripe)

On multiple load ranges in the same size only, the Load Range E (10-ply rated) tires will exhibit a .25" wide circumferential **yellow** identification stripe on the tread.

(No Stripe)

On multiple load ranges in the same size only, any tires with Load Ranges OTHER than Load Range E (10-ply rated) will not exhibit any circumferential identification stripe.

An illustration of the Radial Light Truck markings is noted below:



If you wholesale tires produced by Cooper to other dealers (sub-dealers) or have branch stores, each should receive a copy of this Service Bulletin. Please advise Cooper or your supplier of the number of Service Bulletins that are needed for these locations and we will provide them at no charge. You may order this Service Bulletin through the Consumer Relations Department, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Findlay, Ohio 45840