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This Technical Bulletin is being issued following the Alcoa Wheel Notification #2015-053, dated 05/21/2015, which is attached.

This MICHELIN Technical Bulletin serves three purposes:

- 1. To remind all personnel about the requirement to comply with OSHA 1910.177.
- 2. To share information provided by Alcoa in its Alcoa Wheel Notification #2015-053.
- 3. To provide steps to take in the event that a wheel flange detaches during tire inflation.
- 1. OSHA 1910.177, "Servicing Multi-Piece & Single Piece Rim/Wheels" applies to the servicing of multi-piece and single piece rim/wheels used on large vehicles such as trucks, tractors, trailers, buses, and off-road machines.
 - a. Always follow the safety rules pertaining to mounting and inflating tires.
 - b. Always use a safety cage to inflate tires, whether the components are brand new or used.
 - c. During tire inflation, always stay clear of the trajectory zones.
 - d. Be sure that tire safety cages are not bolted to the floor, and that personnel are not exposed to the trajectory area during their work method.
- 2. Attached to this Technical Bulletin is the Alcoa Wheel Notification referenced above. Please familiarize yourself with the content of the Alcoa Wheel Notification.
- 3. If a wheel experiences a wheel flange detachment during inflation, immediately:
 - a. Remove the tire from the rim.
 - b. DO NOT remount the tire that has been involved in a wheel flange detachment onto another wheel.
 - c. Label the tire as being involved in the wheel flange detachment.
 - d. Render the tire unserviceable by physically destroying the tire. For example, cut through both beads or make an 18-inch circumferential cut through the sidewall.
 - e. Notify both tire and wheel manufacturer of the wheel flange detachment incident.

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