

Change to NHTSA Tire Identification Number (TIN)

The U.S. Department of Transportation has a regulatory requirement to update the manufacturing plant code in the tire identification number (TIN), which is molded on the tire sidewall. This update will impact all TIN formats. There will be no change to markings concerning tire construction or materials.

The regulatory update is required to allow NHTSA to assign unique codes to new manufacturing plants requesting DOT-compliant codes.

Currently, the first two characters of the TIN indicate the manufacturing plant code. The updated regulation will require the plant code to comprise three characters. Existing manufacturing plant codes will be converted to three characters by adding “1” to the left of the two-character plant code. For example, the existing manufacturing plant code “B6” will be updated to become “1B6” when the new regulation is applied.

The regulatory requirement must be implemented by 2025 and will incorporate a standardized 13-character TIN format. Michelin plants and Michelin, BFGoodrich, and Uniroyal brand tires will comply with this implementation timing. The heavy truck tire plants will complete the transition in 2020, so Customers may soon receive truck and bus tires with the three-character TIN manufacturing plant code.

This change is only a marking change, and there will be no impact to fit, form, or function of our tires. Tires in inventory may carry a mix of either 12- or 13-character TIN manufacturing plant codes for a period of time, which remains in compliance with the regulation until 2025.

Below is an example of the change to the manufacturing plant code and overall TIN.

Tire Identification Number per current regulation (with two-character manufacturing plant code, “B6”)	DOT B6 D7 35 CX 3020
Tire Identification Number per updated regulation (with three-character manufacturing plant code, “1B6”)	DOT 1B6 D7 35 CX 3020

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