

§ 574.6

For the convenience of the user, the correctly revised and added text is set forth as follows:

§ 574.5 Tire identification requirements.

Each tire manufacturer shall conspicuously label on one sidewall of each tire it manufactures, except tires manufactured exclusively for mileage-contract purchasers, or non-pneumatic tires or non-pneumatic tire assemblies, by permanently molding into or onto the sidewall, in the manner and location specified in Figure 1, a tire identification number containing the information set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section. However, at the option of the manufacturer, the information contained in paragraph (d) of this section may, instead of being permanently molded, be laser etched into or onto the sidewall in the location specified in Figure 1, during the manufacturing process of the tire and not later than 24 hours after the tire is removed from the mold. Each tire retreader, except tire re-readers who retread tires solely for their own use, shall conspicuously label one sidewall of each tire it retreads by permanently molding or branding into or onto the sidewall, in the manner and location specified in Figure 2, a tire identification number containing the information set forth in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section. However, at the option of the retreader, the information set forth in paragraph (d) of this section may, instead of being permanently molded or branded, be laser etched into or onto the sidewall in the location specified in Figure 2, during the retreading of the tire and not later than 24 hours after the application of the new tread. \* \* \*

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(d) *Fourth grouping.* The fourth grouping, consisting of four numerical symbols, must identify the week and year of manufacture. The first two symbols must identify the week of the year by using "01" for the first full calendar week in each year, "02" for the second full calendar week, and so on. The calendar week runs from Sunday through the following Saturday. The final week of each year may include not more than 6 days of the following year. The third and fourth symbols must identify the year. Example: 0101 means the 1st week of 2001, or the week beginning Sunday, January 7, 2001, and ending Saturday, January 13, 2001. The symbols signifying the date of manufacture shall immediately follow the optional descriptive code (paragraph (c) of this section). If no optional descriptive code is used, the symbols signifying the date of manufacture must be placed in

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the area shown in Figures 1 and 2 of this section for the optional descriptive code.

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§ 574.6 Identification mark.

To obtain the identification mark required by 574.5(a), each manufacturer of new or retreaded pneumatic tires, non-pneumatic tires or non-pneumatic tire assemblies shall apply in writing to the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590, identify itself as a tire manufacturer or retreader and furnish the following information:

- (a) The name, or other designation identifying the applicant, and its main office address.
(b) The name, or other identifying designation, of each individual plant operated by the manufacturer and the address of each plant, if applicable.
(c) The type of tires manufactured at each plant, e.g., pneumatic tires for passenger cars, buses, trucks or motorcycles; pneumatic retreaded tires; or non-pneumatic tires or non-pneumatic tire assemblies.

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§ 574.7 Information requirements—new tire manufacturers, new tire brand name owners.

- (a)(1) Each new tire manufacturer and each new tire brand name owner (hereinafter referred to in this section and § 574.8 as "tire manufacturer") or its designee, shall provide tire registration forms to every distributor and dealer of its tires which offers new tires for sale or lease to tire purchasers.
(2) Each tire registration form provided to independent distributors and dealers pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall contain space for recording the information specified in paragraphs (a)(4)(i) through (a)(4)(iii) of this section and shall conform in content and format to Figures 3a and 3b. Each form shall be:
(i) Rectangular;
(ii) Not less than 0.007 inches thick;
(iii) Greater than 3 1/2 inches, but not greater than 4 1/4 inches wide; and

(iv) Greater than 5 inches, but not greater than 6 inches long.

(3) Each tire registration form provided to distributors and dealers that are not independent distributors or dealers pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this section shall be similar in format and size to Figure 4 and shall contain space for recording the information specified in paragraphs (a)(4)(i) through (a)(4)(iii) of this section.

(4)(i) Name and address of the tire purchaser.

(ii) Tire identification number.

(iii) Name and address of the tire seller or other means by which the tire manufacturer can identify the tire seller.

(b) Each tire manufacturer shall record and maintain, or have recorded and maintained for it by a designee, the information from registration forms which are submitted to it or its designee. No tire manufacturer shall use the information on the registration forms for any commercial purpose detrimental to tire distributors and dealers. Any tire manufacturer to which registration forms are mistakenly sent shall forward those registration forms

to the proper tire manufacturer within 90 days of the receipt of the forms.

(c) Each tire manufacturer shall maintain, or have maintained for it by a designee, a record of each tire distributor and dealer that purchases tires directly from the manufacturer and sells them to tire purchasers, the number of tires purchased by each such distributor or dealer, the number of tires for which reports have been received from each such distributor or dealer other than an independent distributor or dealer, the number of tires for which reports have been received from each such independent distributor or dealer, the total number of tires for which registration forms have been submitted to the manufacturer or its designee, and the total number of tires sold by the manufacturer.

(d) The information that is specified in paragraph (a)(4) of this section and recorded on registration forms submitted to a tire manufacturer or its designee shall be maintained for a period of not less than five years from the date on which the information is recorded by the manufacturer or its designee.

# IMPORTANT

In case of a recall, we can reach you only if we have your name and address. You MUST send in this card to be on our recall list

## A

**SHADED AREAS MUST BE FILLED IN BY SELLER**

**Do it today.**

	QTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
CUSTOMER'S NAME (Please Print)														
CUSTOMER'S ADDRESS														
CITY STATE ZIP CODE														
NAME OF DEALER WHICH SOLD TIRE														
DEALER'S ADDRESS														
CITY STATE ZIP CODE														

10% Screen Tint

A- Preprinted tire manufacturer's name - unless the manufacturer's name appears on the reverse side of the form

Figure 3a - Registration form for independent distributors and dealers - tire identification number side

7 3/8" ± 1/8"

**IMPORTANT: FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES  
TIRE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS MUST  
BE REGISTERED  
(PLEASE PRINT)**

(A)

RETURN TO \_\_\_\_\_

CUSTOMER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ FLEET VEHICLE NO. (OPTIONAL) \_\_\_\_\_

SELLERS NAME AND/OR MANUFACTURER SELLER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(B)

QTY		TIRE IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	

(A) PREPRINTED TIRE MANUFACTURERS' LOGO OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION AND MAILING ADDRESS

(B) MICROFILM NUMBER LOCATION IF NECESSARY

A-B AREAS TO SUIT TIRE MANUFACTURERS REQUIREMENTS

3 1/4" ± 1/8"

FIG 4- UNIVERSAL FORMAT

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