

# **BRIDGESTONE Firestone**

## **TECHNICAL BULLETIN**

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# New 11 Digit DOT Number

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has approved a change to the regulation that requires the date of manufacture in the tire identification number to change from 3 digits to 4 digits (2 digits for week + 2 digits for year.)

Bridgestone/ Firestone tire will start to adopt the new regulation for tires produced starting the first DOT week of 2000. Full integration of the 11 digit DOT serial number will be completed during the 2nd quarter of 2000.

Tire dealers will need to list the new 11-digit DOT serial number on Tire Registration Cards and Warranty Claim Forms (both forms have space for 11-digits.)

The new DOT Serial Number format:

<b>4D</b>	<b>HL</b>	<b>ABC</b>	<b>0508</b>
Plant Code	Size Code	Option Code	Date Mfg.

Ex: 5th week of 2008