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VALVE STEMS

You may have noticed that there have been a number of recalls of defective valves since this past summer. So far millions of valves have been recalled for various reasons however, all of these recalls involve valves that leak. Millions of leaky valves are subject to recall.

Leaking valves are a known cause of significant under inflation. Under inflation is a known cause of belt and tread separations. It is imperative that when dealers inspect a tire returned for adjustment for belt or tread separation, that they carefully inspect the valve to determine if it is subject to recall and if it is operating properly. Consumers should likewise carefully inspect their valve stems.

It is also imperative that dealers submit an adjustment request for tread or belt separations, that they identify the valve by manufacturer, model and provide any other identifying information. Also, if any cracks, splits or other deformities are present these must be noted as well.

It may be that the tire for which adjustment is sought is not faulty. It may be that the condition was caused by a leaking valve. FTS will not adjust any tire where the condition is related to defective valves.

Please retain the valve. If we request the tire for further evaluation, we also want the valve.

In order for us to properly evaluate adjustment claims for belt or tread separations, FTS must be provided with this information.