

I wanted to alert our members of a possible defect with Goodyear tires. August 8, 2009 I was traveling west 35 miles on I-40 toward Kingman, Arizona when the left front tire blew out on my Executive motorhome. I was traveling in the right lane when the tire blew with such tremendous force the left wheel dug into the asphalt and pulled the coach to the left side of the road into the guard rail. I managed to get control of the coach after hitting the guard rail, continuing to pull the coach off the guard rail where I was sure to go over into a 300 foot canyon. I managed to get the front of the coach off of the rail only to have the entire left side hit the rail a foot away from going over. Within seconds I skidded down the side of the rail and back onto the road. I was towing a Chevrolet Tahoe which also hit the rail but did not break loose from the hitch. Finally without being hit by oncoming traffic I managed to get the coach over to the right lane shoulder. I had my coach trailered to Temecula RV in Temecula, California where it is being repaired with approximately \$60,000.00 in damages. The Tahoe was totaled out by my insurance company. My Goodyear tires had only 27,000 miles and looked almost new which I now find means nothing. I have made numerous calls to others that I have found to have blowouts with Goodyear tires and there apparently is a problem with the RV tire that is on my coach. My discussion with the claims agent for GMAC has advised me that the Goodyear tires are the number one cause of blowouts resulting in accidents. There is a further issue with GMAC as they will not replace all of my tires due to this knowledge they have. The left front tire is the cause of the collision; the rear outside tire blew as well and the tag axle tire blew. GMAC says they will only pay for 2 tires as the front tire is the cause of the accident and they only pay for the result of the accident. I asked for all 8 tires to be replaced by another brand and they refused only to pay for 2 tires. I now have to pay for 6 new tires or drive with 5 tires that are prone to blowouts. I am now being advised that one should replace all the tires at 3 years regardless of mileage which seems to be of great expense. If you would pass this along to our members I would appreciate it as this is a life threatening situation. I am a lucky person this time to survive that accident. Two days prior to the accident my tires were inspected by Stewart-Stevenson and found them to appear to be in very good condition. Adding to all of this we need a front cap from Monaco and that will be a delay for at least 6 weeks.

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