



YOKOHAMA TIRE CORPORATION  
CORPORATE OFFICE

February 6, 1996

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Mr. Mehrdad Farkhan  
President  
Inovex Automotive, Inc.  
7799 Leesburg Pike  
Suite 900 North  
Falls Church, VA 22043

Re: Aftermarket Tire Additives

Dear Mr. Farkhan:

This is in response to your request for Yokohama Tire Corporation's official position regarding use of tire additives in Yokohama and Mohawk brand tires.

Enclosed please find a Yokohama Technical Service Bulletin stating our position. You will note Yokohama neither recommends, endorses, nor prohibits the use these products, and that warranty coverage remains in effect, except if an additive or its use are the cause of a warranty claim. Additives intended to replace air as an inflation medium void all terms of our warranty.

I trust this provides you with the requested clarification of policy. If you need further assistance, please contact me at the above toll-free number, extension 3813.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Richard K. Swartzell'.

Richard K. Swartzell  
Technical Documentation Specialist

Enclosure

Pirelli Tire Corporation



February 09, 1998

Mr. Mehrdad Farkhan, President  
NOVEX Automotive, Incorporated  
Suite 900 North Tower  
7799 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, Virginia 22043

Dear Mr. Farkhan,

I have received your letter and enclosure sent to our Mr. Chris Pantani.

In answer to your inquiry, Pirelli Tire does not endorse, encourage, sanction or approve the use of any sealant material in its tires.

The Pirelli Original Equipment Limited Warranty for Passenger Tires and the Pirelli Replacement Limited Warranty for Passenger & Light Truck Tires states under the provision of "**What is not covered by the warranty**" - *Tires injected with liquid balancer or sealant or in which anything other than air has been used as the support medium.*

The use of your material, by itself, does not void the warranty. If, however, a tire is rendered unserviceable due to the materials introduction and use, warranty coverage would be void.

Should you have any further questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Jack". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a horizontal line.

Robert Jack  
Manager, Service and Consumer Affairs  
RJ/s

# The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Akron, Ohio 44316-0001

January 19, 1996

Mr Mehrdad Farkhan  
Inovex Automotive, Inc  
7799 Leesburg Pike  
Suite 900 N  
Falls Church VA 22043

Dear Mr Farkhan:

This is in response to your request for clarification of Goodyear's Limited Warranty as it applies to additives.

The Goodyear adjustment policy limitation states, "Goodyear does not warrant and will not give credit in any adjustment transaction for any kind of material added to the tire after leaving a Goodyear factory; nor will it adjust any tire which has failed as a result of adding any such material (Example: tire fillers, sealants or balancing substances)."

In other words, the material added to the tire does not void Goodyear's limited warranty, unless the material itself is the cause for the tire to be removed from service. Goodyear, in any event, would not issue any credit for the cost of the material that was added to the tire.

Sincerely,



Operations Administrator  
Product Service

F W Pfeiffer  
cc

**Continental**®

**GENERAL TIRE** 

January 22, 1996  
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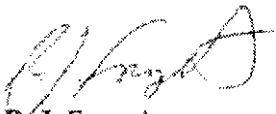
Mr. Mehrdad Farkhan  
INOVEX AUTOMOTIVE, INC.  
7799 Leesburg Pike  
Suite 900 N  
Falls Church, VA 22043

Dear Mr. Farkhan:

Enclosed is a Continental General Tire Limited Warranty and Adjustment Policy booklet. Please note under Section 4A (The following conditions are not covered:) "*Tire failure resulting from intentional alteration, such as adding a white inlay on a blackwall or sealant materials.*" In other words, the added sealant material must have caused or lead to the tire failure before it voids Continental General Tire's Limited Warranty and Adjustment Policy.

If I can be of any further assistance, please notify.

Sincerely,



R. J. Forsyth  
National Manager,  
Product Service

cc: K. Dumitru  
R. Stansbie



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MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA

January 17, 1996

Mr. Mehrdad Farkhan  
7799 Leesburg Pike  
Suite 900 N  
Falls Church, VA 22043

Dear Mr. Farkhan:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of today regarding Michelin warranties. While Michelin does not endorse the introduction and use of any sealant type material in its tires, the use of this material, by itself, does not void the warranty. However, if a tire is rendered unserviceable due to the introduction and use of this material, warranty coverage would be void under the heading of abuse.

I trust this clarifies Michelin's position on this issue and that the information provided will prove helpful. Please call again if you feel we can be of service.

Sincerely,

MICHELIN TIRE CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy L. Banks".

Nancy L. Banks  
Consumer Response Manager

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BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE TIRE SALES COMPANY

February 14, 1996

Mr. Mehrdad Farkhan  
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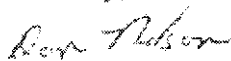
Dear Mr. Farkhan,

In regards to your request for information on the Bridgestone/Firestone warranty policy, please refer to the enclosed manual.

Regarding Bridgestone/Firestone's position on the use of tire sealants, we do not endorse or prohibit the use of aftermarket tire products. The use of these products will not void the warranty unless an inspection of a tire reveals an anomaly related to the use of that product.

If you have questions on our policy, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Don Nelson  
National Technical  
Service Manager

# **TOYO TIRES**

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February 21, 1988

Inovex Automotive, Inc.  
Attn: Mehrdad Farkhan  
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Falls Church, VA 22043

RE: Toyo Tire's Warranty Policy Regarding Tire Sealants

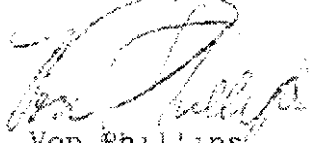
Dear Mr. Farkhan:

The use of a sealant does not void our warranties, unless damage results from its addition, or if the tire is modified due to the introduction of a sealant. I have enclosed our warranty for your reference, please refer to the "What is Not Covered" section for specific limitations.

Thank you for your inquiry and patience to assist you.

Please contact our office if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Von Phillips  
Customer Service Supervisor

/vp  
Enclosure

TOYO TIRE (U.S.A.) CORPORATION  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE