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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

**[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2011-0164]**

**Reports, Forms, and Recordkeeping Requirements**

**Agency:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**Action:** Request for public comment on extension of a currently approved collection of information.

**Summary:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections. This document describes an existing collection of information for 49 CFR Part 574, Tire Identification and Recordkeeping, for which NHTSA intends to seek renewed OMB approval.

**Dates:** Comments must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**Addresses:** Comments must refer to the docket number cited at the beginning of this notice, and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- Mail: Docket Management Facility, M-30, U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590.
- Hand Delivery or Courier: West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. Telephone: 1-800-647-2251.

Instructions: All submissions must include the docket number for this document. Please identify the collection of information for which a comment is provided by referencing the OMB Control Number, 2127-0050. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78) or you may visit <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeffrey Woods, NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W43-467, NVS-122, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Mr. Woods' telephone number is (202) 366-6206.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the Federal Register providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise

consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

- 1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- 2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- 3) How to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected;
- 4) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology (e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses).

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following collection of information:

**Title:** Tire Identification and Recordkeeping.

**OMB Control Number:** 2127-0050.

**Form Number:** This collection of information uses no standard form.

**Type of Request:** Extension of a currently approved collection of information.

**Summary of the Collection of Information:** 49 U.S.C. 30117(b) requires each tire manufacturer to collect and maintain records of the first purchasers of new tires. To carry out

this mandate, 49 CFR Part 574, Tire Identification and Recordkeeping, requires tire dealers and distributors to record the names and addresses of retail purchasers of new tires and the identification numbers(s) of the tires sold. A specific form is provided to tire dealers and distributors by tire manufacturers for recording this information. The completed forms are returned to the tire manufacturers where they are retained for no less than five years. Part 574 requires independent tire dealers and distributors to provide a registration form to consumers with the tire identification number(s) already recorded and information identifying the dealer/distributor. The consumer can then record his/her name and address and return the form to the tire manufacturer via U.S. mail, or alternatively, the consumer can provide this information electronically on the tire manufacturer's website if the tire manufacturer provides this capability. Additionally, motor vehicle manufacturers are required to record the names and addresses of the first purchasers (for purposes other than resale), together with the identification numbers of the tires on the new vehicle, and retain this information for no less than five years.

**Description of the Need for the Information and the Use of the Information:**

The information is used by a tire manufacturer after it or the agency determines that some of its tires either fail to comply with an applicable safety standard or contain a safety related defect. With the information, the tire manufacturer can notify the first purchaser of the tire and provide them with any necessary information or instructions to remedy the non-compliance situation or safety defect.

Without this information, efforts to identify the first purchaser of tires that have been determined to be defective or nonconforming pursuant to Sections 30118 and 30119 of Title 49 U.S.C. would be impeded. Further, the ability of the purchasers to take appropriate action in the interest of motor vehicle safety may be compromised.

**Description of the Likely Respondents (Including Estimated Number and Proposed**

**Frequency of Response to the Collection of Information):** We estimate that the collection of information affects 10 million respondents annually. This group consists of approximately 20 tire manufacturers, 59,000 new tire dealers and distributors and 10 million consumers who choose to register their tire purchases with tire manufacturers. A response is required by motor vehicle manufacturers upon each sale of a new vehicle and by non-independent tire dealers with the each sale of a new tire. A consumer may elect to respond when purchasing a new tire from an independent tire dealer.

**Estimate of the Total Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Burden Resulting from the**

**Collection of Information:** The estimated burden is as follows:

New tire dealers and distributors: 59,000

Consumers: 10,000,000

Total tire registrations (manual): 54,000,000

Total tire registration hours (manual): 225,000

Recordkeeping hours (manual): 25,000

Total annual tire registration and recordkeeping hours: 250,000

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility, the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection, ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the

information to be collected and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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