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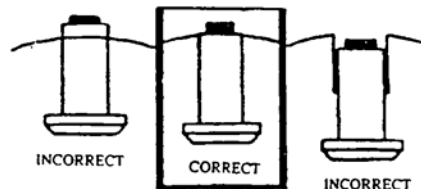
To: All Customers

PROPER TIRE STUD INSTALLATION PASSENGER AND LIGHT TRUCK MUD & SNOW TIRES

For satisfactory stud performance in tires, follow the instructions below:

- Make sure the correct size stud is selected. Refer to the tire product manual and/or tire label for this information.
- Apply only water or tire lubricant to the stud hole and/or studding tool for easier stud installation and proper stud seating. Absolutely NO PETROLEUM BASED LUBRICANTS should be used.
- Install stud so it is perpendicular to the hole. Studs installed at an angle greater than 10 degrees will not seat properly into the tire and may cause premature stud failure or ejection. Providing proper support to the inside of the tire while studding is essential to ensure vertical stud installation.
- All new studded tires require a break-in period. Advise the consumer to drive carefully during the first 50 to 100 miles and avoid hard acceleration, braking, and cornering in order to allow for proper stud seating.

A properly installed stud should appear to be nearly flush with the tire surface as illustrated below. Only the pin tip should protrude (1/32" to 2/32") above the surface.



Always follow all safety instructions and equipment operating directions provided by the manufacturers of the studs and stud-installation equipment.

If you wholesale tires produced by Cooper to other dealers (sub-dealers) or have branch stores, each should receive a copy of this Service Bulletin. Please advise Cooper or your supplier of the number of Service Bulletins that are needed for these locations and we will provide them at no charge. You may order this Service Bulletin through the Consumer Relations Department, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Findlay, Ohio 45840.