

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

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In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC., ) Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S  
TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY ) MDL No. 1373  
LITIGATION ) (centralized before Hon. Sarah Evans  
\_\_\_\_\_) ) Barker, Judge)  
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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO THE )  
CLASS ACTIONS )

**ORDER SETTING HEARING**

It is hereby ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion for Class Certification is set for hearing on October 9, 2001, in Room 216, United States Courthouse, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Plaintiffs will be afforded up to two hours for presentation of argument and evidence in support of their motion, and defendants will be given up to two and one-half hours to present argument and evidence in opposition. Plaintiffs will then have up to one-half hour for rebuttal. Any remaining time will be devoted to follow-up as the Court deems advisable. The primary purpose for the hearing is to aid the Court in the resolution of any factual matters that bear on the propriety of class certification. The scope of the hearing will reflect the directives set out in Szabo v. Bridgeport Machines, Inc., 249 F.3d 672 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001).

It is so ORDERED this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2001.

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SARAH EVANS BARKER, JUDGE  
United States District Court  
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