

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION**

<b>In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,</b>	)	<b>Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S</b>
<b>TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY</b>	)	<b>MDL NO. 1373</b>
<b>LITIGATION</b>	)	
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<b>THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:</b>	)	
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<b>GABRIEL CARRILLO, et al.,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b>CAUSE NO. IP 00-5005-C-B/S</b>
	)	
<b>BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC., et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	
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	)	
<b>MARIA ANGELES C. de RAMIREZ, et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiffs,</b>	)	
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<b>vs.</b>	)	<b>CAUSE NO. IP 00-5006-C-B/S</b>
	)	
<b>BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC., et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

**ENTRY ON FIRESTONE’S MOTION TO COMPEL**

This cause is before the magistrate judge on the Motion To Compel Production of Tire and Rim for Inspection filed by defendant Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. (“Firestone”). The motion is fully briefed, and the magistrate judge, being duly advised, **GRANTS** the motion for the reasons set forth below.

In the instant motion, Firestone seeks an order permitting it to perform non-destructive testing on the tire involved in the accident out of which these cases arise. The plaintiffs object to Firestone

performing any tests on the tire without first informing plaintiffs of the nature of the proposed tests and permitting the plaintiffs to be present for the testing. The magistrate judge determines that Firestone is not required to permit plaintiffs to pre-approve or attend its tests on the subject tire, as long as the testing does not alter the tire in any way. Accordingly, Firestone's motion to compel is **GRANTED**. Within 10 days of the date of this Entry, plaintiffs shall provide the tire to Firestone for a period of 45 days, during which Firestone may conduct whatever testing it wishes on the tire, as long as the tests do not alter the tire in any way.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December 2001.

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V. Sue Shields  
United States Magistrate Judge  
Southern District of Indiana

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