

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

**In re: BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, INC.,** ) **Master File No. IP 00-9373-C-B/S**  
**TIRES PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION** ) **MDL NO. 1373**  
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**THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO ALL** )  
**ACTIONS** )

**ENTRY ON PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL**

This cause is before the magistrate judge on the plaintiffs' Motion to Compel Production of Documents by Defendant Ford Motor Company. The motion is fully briefed, and the magistrate judge, being duly advised, **GRANTS** the plaintiffs' motion as set forth below.

At issue are the following discovery requests which were served by the plaintiffs on defendant Ford Motor Company ("Ford") on February 27, 2001: Plaintiffs' First Request for Production of Documents Nos. 1-16, 19-21, 23-24, 32, 34, 42, 49, 53, 56, 59-61, 63-64, 65, 71, 455-56, 460-63, and 466-67 . The plaintiffs assert in their motion that Ford's responses to these document requests have been incomplete, and Ford does not directly dispute that assertion in its opposition brief. Neither does Ford's brief discuss any specific objections it may have to the document requests in dispute. Rather, Ford's position appears to be that the plaintiffs' discovery requests were quite voluminous (which they were), that it has produced numerous responsive documents (which it has), and that the plaintiffs should be satisfied with what they have (which, of course, they are not, hence the instant motion). Unfortunately for Ford, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as this court's prior orders, require more. Regardless of the volume of responsive documents Ford has produced, if it has not produced all of the responsive documents in its possession or control, and identified each document as responsive to a particular request or requests, then it has not satisfied its obligation to the plaintiffs.

Accordingly, **within 14 days of the date of this Entry**, Ford shall file<sup>1</sup> a list of **all** non-privileged documents,<sup>2</sup> identified by Bates number, that are responsive to each of the document requests set forth above. Ford further shall file an affidavit certifying that they have performed a comprehensive search for responsive documents and have produced all of them.

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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<sup>1</sup>This is an exception to the general rule that discovery requests and responses are not to be filed.

<sup>2</sup>Any responsive documents for which Ford claims a privilege shall be included on Ford's next privilege log.