

**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 FOR OCTOBER 4, 2002

The parties appeared, by counsel, this date for a telephonic discovery conference, during which the following was discussed:

1. The plaintiffs report that Ford still has not provided plaintiffs with the exemplar Australian shock absorbers in spite of the September 23, 2002, deadline to do so. Ford has been working with its supplier to obtain the shocks and will report to the magistrate judge regarding their progress on October 7, 2002.
2. The parties have continued to work to complete the scheduling of certain depositions in Venezuela. So that this process can be completed, the defendants shall decide whether they wish to cross-examine witnesses Abreu and Maron and shall report their decisions to the magistrate judge by no later than October 8, 2002.
3. The parties continue to work to schedule the case specific expert depositions in the First Wave foreign accident cases. The plaintiffs will send the defendants a list of all of the deposition dates proposed by the defendants to which the plaintiffs have agreed, so that a definitive list of the depositions that still remain to be scheduled can be created.
4. The defendants will prepare and submit to Victor Diaz a proposed stipulation that

Mr. Baumgardner's only testimony regarding the companion tires he has visually examined will be that the tires had adequate tread and appeared to have been properly maintained. If this stipulation is agreed upon, Firestone's request to conduct a custodial examination of the companion tires will be withdrawn.

5. The plaintiffs are granted an extension to October 31, 2002, to serve their responsive foreign law expert reports, and the depositions of those experts shall be completed by November 30, 2002.
6. The plaintiffs' responses to the pending *Daubert* motions in domestic cases filed on or before June 30, 2001, shall be filed by November 15, 2002; replies shall be filed no later than 15 days from the date of the response.
7. To the extent that an expert witness is not deposed prior to November 1, 2002, any dispositive of *Daubert* motion relating to or involving that expert shall be filed in any of the expedited first wave foreign accident cases no later than 14 days following the completion of the expert's deposition.
8. The defendants' responses to the pending motions to strike expert witnesses shall be filed by October 22, 2002, to the extent those motions are not resolved by stipulation.
9. The next telephonic discovery conference is scheduled for **October 15, 2002, at 3:00 p.m.** The call shall be arranged by Bill Winingham, who shall inform all parties and the magistrate judge of the arrangements. Agendas for the conference shall be submitted to the magistrate judge by 9:00 a.m. on October 15th.

ENTERED this _____ day of October 2002.

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

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