

**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 FILED ON OR AFTER** )  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2004** )

**CASE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE FOR CASES FILED ON OR AFTER  
FEBRUARY 1, 2004**

The following deadlines will apply to all cases filed in this MDL on or after February 1, 2004:<sup>1</sup>

- A. Deadlines Applicable to All Cases, Regardless of Where the Subject Accident Occurred
  - 1. Case specific discovery (with the exception of discovery related to expert witnesses) shall be completed by **June 28, 2004**;
  - 2. Lists identifying all expert witnesses and the topics on which they are expected to testify shall be exchanged by the parties by **April 12, 2004**.
  - 3. The plaintiffs shall serve their expert witness reports by **May 10, 2004**; the defendants shall serve their expert witness reports by **June 8, 2004**.
  - 4. The parties shall exchange lists identifying supplemental experts who will offer expert opinions on topics for which another party has identified an expert, but for which the supplementing party has not yet identified an expert, by **May 10, 2004**.
  - 5. The parties' supplemental expert witness reports shall be served by **June 8, 2004**.

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<sup>1</sup>The cases to which this order applies are all those with cause numbers beginning with IP 04-5791. The court's docket indicates that the last case filed in this MDL as of this date is *Valle*, IP 04-5800, which was opened in this court on February 23, 2004. In the event that additional cases are filed after the date of this order, any motion to extend these deadlines shall be filed within 15 days of the date the cases are opened in this court.

6. Discovery related to those expert witnesses whose opinions will be relevant to motions for summary judgment shall be completed by **June 28, 2004**; all remaining discovery related to expert witnesses shall be completed by **August 10, 2004**.
  7. All motions for summary judgment shall be filed by **July 12, 2004**, and shall be briefed in accordance with Local Rule 56.1. Therefore, responses shall be filed within 30 days of the motions and replies shall be filed within 15 days of the responses.
  8. All “core” *Daubert* motions shall be filed no later than **June 14, 2004**. Responses shall be filed within 30 days of the motion; replies within 15 days of the responses. Only one motion directed to a particular “core” expert opinion shall be filed, with the caption of the motion listing the cause numbers of all cases in which the expert’s report has been submitted. Also by **June 14, 2004**, the parties shall file a notice of intent to file after remand any case-specific *Daubert* motion they intend to file in a given case, in order to put transferor courts on notice of the intended filings.
- B. Deadlines Applicable to Those Cases in Which the Subject Accident Occurred Outside of the United States
1. The parties shall exchange lists identifying foreign law experts and the topics on which they are expected to offer expert testimony on or before **April 30, 2004**. Also by this date, any party intending to raise an issue concerning the law of a foreign country shall file a notice as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 44.1.
  2. The parties shall exchange their foreign law expert witness reports by **May 21, 2004**.

3. Responsive foreign law expert reports shall be exchanged by **June 21, 2004**.
4. All discovery relating to foreign law experts shall be completed by **August 23, 2004**.

ENTERED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2004.

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

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<sup>2</sup>The court has not yet received the record in several of the cases to which this order applies, and therefore the court's docket does not reflect counsel for those cases. Liaison counsel shall insure that all counsel in these cases are served with this order.