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## Standard Specification for P225/60R16 97S Radial Standard Reference Test Tire<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the general requirements for the P225/60R16 97S radial standard reference test tire. The tire covered by this specification is primarily for use as a reference tire for braking traction, snow traction, and wear performance evaluations, but may also be used for other evaluations, such as pavement roughness, noise, or other tests that require a reference tire.

1.1.1 ~~A P195/75R14 (Specification Other E1136) tire is another standard reference test tire that is~~ tires are also used for these purposes. This standard was originally published in 1986 purposes and are referenced in Section 2 and continues to be used.

1.2 This specification provides a ~~16-in.~~ rim code diameter of 16 standard tire design and construction, standard dimensions, and specifies the conditions of storage.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

[D412 Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers—Tension](#)

[D2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness](#)

[D3182 Practice for Rubber—Materials, Equipment, and Procedures for Mixing Standard Compounds and Preparing Standard Vulcanized Sheets](#)

[E867 Terminology Relating to Vehicle-Pavement Systems](#) <sup>F2493-14</sup>

[E1136 Specification for P195/75R14 Radial Standard Reference Test Tire](#) <sup>F2493-14</sup>

[F538 Terminology Relating to the Characteristics and Performance of Tires](#) <sup>F2493-14</sup>

[F2870 Specification for 315/70R22.5 154/150L Radial Truck Standard Reference Test Tire](#)

[F2871 Specification for 245/70R19.5 136/134M Radial Truck Standard Reference Test Tire](#)

[F2872 Specification for 225/75R16C 116/114S M+S Radial Light Truck Standard Reference Test Tire](#)

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology [F538](#).

3.1.2 *all-season tread, n*—tread design providing dry, wet, and snow traction performance for an optimized balance for year-round performance and which may meet the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) definition for an M&S, M+S, M/S, MS, etc. marked tire (see RMA “Snow Tire Definitions for Passenger and Light Truck (LT) Tires”).<sup>3</sup>

3.1.3 *pavement characteristic, n*—physical feature or property of a pavement surface such as type, roughness, texture, and skid resistance. **E867**

3.1.4 *pitch, n*—unit of tread pattern elements used in various combinations to obtain optimum noise levels.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard’s Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Available from the Rubber Manufacturers Association, 1400 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005.

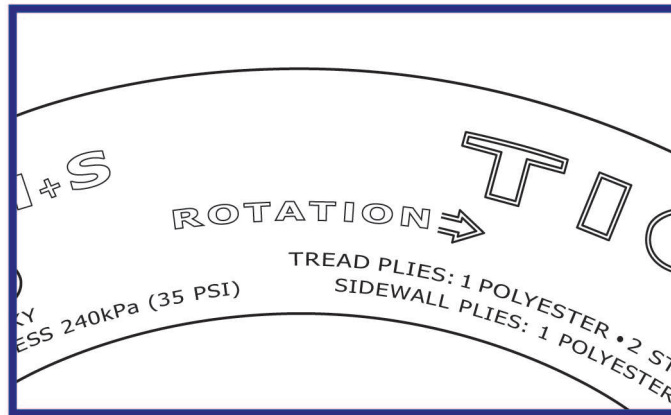


FIG. 3 Example of Rotation Arrow

3.1.5 *standard reference test tire, SRTT, n*—tire that is used as a control tire or surface-monitoring tire (for example, Specification E1136, F2870, F2871, and F2493/F2872 tires).

**4. Design and Construction**

4.1 The P225/60R16 standard reference test tire shall feature the steel-belted radial technology, and an all-season silica content tread design, see Figs. 1 and 2, with technology as described in Section 3 and Sections 5 – 7.

4.2 The tire shall be designed to conform with the Tire and Rim Association, Inc. (TRA) standard nominal dimensions and tolerances for cross section and overall diameter found in the current TRA Yearbook.<sup>4</sup>

4.3 The tire used for this specification is produced by BFGoodrich-Michelin Passenger and Light Truck Tire Manufacturing.<sup>5</sup> The tire is stamped on the sidewall with the words: “Standard Reference Test Tire.” and ECE (Economic Commission for Europe) and DOT (Department of Transportation) certification marks.

4.4 Beginning in 2014, the tire is marked with an arrow which provides a rotational orientation for those testers who choose to reference it. (See Fig. 3.)

**5. Materials and Manufacture**

5.1 The individual standard reference test tires shall conform to the manufacturer’s design standards.

5.2 Tread compound, fabric processing, and all the steps in tire manufacturing shall be controlled to ensure minimum variability between tires.

5.3 The standard reference test tire shall be as originally molded without any tread grinding or repairs.

5.4 Since the formulation for tread compounds are proprietary, they shall be controlled by means of their physical properties given in Table 1.

5.5 Dimensions, weights, and permissible variations are given in Section 7.

5.6 The tire shall be of the following construction:

- 5.6.1 One-ply sidewall construction (polyester).
- 5.6.2 A three-ply tread construction (one-ply polyester and two steel belts).
- 5.6.3 Black sidewall.

<sup>4</sup> Available from the Tire and Rim Association, Inc., 175 Montrose West Ave., Suite 150, Copley, OH 44321.

<sup>5</sup> The sole source of supply of the standard reference tire known to the committee at this time is BFGoodrich Tire Manufacturing, Opelika Plant, P.O. Box 30, Opelika, AL 36801 (attn: Development Qualification Center SRTT Manager—specify Michelin Passenger and Light Truck Tire Manufacturing, 1101 Michelin Road, Ardmore, OK 73401 (specify P225/60R16 97S SRTT Uniroyal Tiger Paw AWP). If you are aware of alternative suppliers, please provide this information to ASTM International Headquarters. Your comments will receive careful consideration at a meeting of the responsible technical committee,<sup>1</sup> which you may attend.

**TABLE 1 Physical Properties of Tread Compound**

Tensile sheet cure, min at 320°F (160°C)	15.0 min
Stress at 300 % elongation, psi (MPa)	705 ± 64 psi (4.9 ± 0.4 MPa)
Tensile strength, min psi (MPa)	2250 psi (15.5 MPa)
Elongation, min %	650 % min
Durometer hardness <sup>A</sup>	64 ± 2 Type A

<sup>A</sup> Measured on tire tread.