

TIRE INFORMATION SERVICE BULLETIN

IMPORTED FARM IMPLEMENT EQUIPMENT FITTED WITH 15.3" DIAMETER; 9" WIDTH RIMS

WARNING

Certain non-domestic farm implement equipment has been imported into North America equipped with unique diameter rims for which no North American produced replacement tire sizes are available.

Any attempt to mount and inflate 15" nominal bead diameter tires on these rims may cause one of the tire beads to break, possibly resulting in serious physical injury or even death.

The rims in question are 15.3" in diameter and 9" wide. However, rims manufactured in 1981 and earlier are marked as 15" diameter; only those manufactured in 1982 and later are marked as 15.3" diameter. The key to avoiding this potentially dangerous situation is the 9" width. The North American wheel industry does not manufacture a 9" rim width for farm implement use.

The European tire sizes that may be mounted on these rims are:

- 10.0/75 - 15.3 (or 15)
- 10.5/85 - 15.3
- 11.5/80 - 15.3 (or 15)
- 12.5/80 - 15.3

NORTH AMERICAN PRODUCED 15" FARM IMPLEMENT TIRES ARE NOT TO BE MOUNTED ON ANY 9" WIDE FARM IMPLEMENT RIM OR ANY RIM MARKED 15.3" DIAMETER.

This Bulletin Replaces Volume 17, Number 2

This is a publication of the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association.
Duplication and distribution of this work in the original form is permitted. All other rights reserved.
To receive USTMA publications call +1 202.682.4800 or go to USTires.org and click on Publications.