

TREAD CHIPPING/CHUNKING

DESCRIPTION Pieces of the tread rubber are torn from the tire.

- POSSIBLE CAUSES**
- Misapplication
 - Off-road use of highway tread pattern
 - Abrasive road surfaces
 - Driver abuse
 - Impact damage
 - Improper inflation pressure
 - Accumulative tire abuse
 - Dynamometer damage

ACTION

DRIVER

- Maintain proper inflation pressure
- Avoid running over objects
- Reduce speed on gravel roads
- Avoid off-road use of highway tread pattern

TIRE

- Potential need to scrap the tire based on severity
- If damage extends beyond the base of the tread groove or exposes cord material, scrap the tire

VEHICLE

- Review tire applications, particularly off-road use of highway tread pattern