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Mr. Pearl,

As I stated in my previous e-mail, tire manufacturers are responsible for the warranty on tires - and DCC would follow whatever instructions that the tire manufacturers are giving to the dealers and the after market tire supply chain. Having said that, I have attached below a Goodyear product service bulletin that indicates a favorable response to nitrogen filled tires. Since Goodyear represents over 70% of our OE tire supply, we would follow the lead that Goodyear has taken. Stated another way, DCC has no issues with nitrogen filled tires as long as the tire manufacturer indicates a favorable or neutral position and that warranties are unaffected. Is there anything else that you require at this time?

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*Nitrogen gas, as an inflation alternative to air, is becoming more prevalent in the market place and is being marketed as a benefit to the standard practice of using air to inflate tires.*

*Over a period of time both oxygen and nitrogen are able to penetrate through tire casings. However, oxygen molecules and nitrogen molecules are different sizes with oxygen being a smaller molecule than nitrogen. The size difference in the molecules allows the smaller oxygen molecule to permeate through the rubber at a more rapid rate.*

*Goodyear supports the use of nitrogen, as an inflation gas, in all Goodyear, Dunlop, Kelly, Associate Brand and Private Brand products, based on the ability for a tire to retain pressure for a longer period of time. The use of nitrogen will not affect the tire warranty.*

*Please be advised that even with the use of nitrogen as an inflation gas, regular inflation pressure checks are highly recommended.*

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Dear Mr. Beistline:

Have you been able to further research my question on nitrogen tire inflation.

I look forward to your reply.

Thank You,  
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Mr. Pearl,

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I am in receipt of your letter to Dr. Zetsche dated August 5, 2005 regarding the request for a position from DaimlerChrysler on nitrogen inflated tires. I am the Director of Chassis Purchasing responsible for the procurement of all tire requirements for DCC. In relation to your question, I am writing to inform you that DCC at this moment does not have an answer to the question that you posed - specifically - a position relative to nitrogen filled tires. Tires are unusual for us in that the tire manufacturer is responsible for warranty - and we would typically defer an answer on your question to them. Having said that, we will be having discussions both internally and with our current supplier tire manufacturers to understand the effects of nitrogen filled tires. I am hoping that we can come to a conclusion in the next few weeks to give you a more formal response. In the mean time, feel free to contact me if you have other questions.

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