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OOSC, Part II, Item 12.b. (6)-(7) and Item 12.(8)-(9) - Bias and Radial Tires

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SUMMARY OF ISSUE

Part II, Item 12.b.(6) and 12.b.(7) state the same condition for bias and radial tires. These conditions should be combined into one.

In addition, Part II, Item 12.b.(8) and 12.b.(9) state the same condition in their respective first halves (when more than one ply is (or two or more plies are) exposed in the tread area and the exposed area of the top ply exceeds 2 square inches (12.9 sq. cm) in two different manners. Kind of like saying..."six of one and half a dozen the other." Please make the ply references in the two sections identical.

If changes to 12.b.(8) and 12.b.(9) are approved, combine them into one section and eliminate the references to radial ply tire and bias ply tire in an effort to reduce redundancy.

JUSTIFICATION OR NEED

Reduce redundancy and it is more professional.

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Combine Part II 12.b.(6) & 12.b.(7) into one condition. If the only two types of tires are bias and radial, then remove the reference to them when combining the two as there is no reason to differentiate.

Change 12.b.(9) to read "When more than one ply is exposed in the tread area and the exposed are of the top ply exceeds 2 square inches (12.9 sq. cm) or damaged plies are evident in the sidewall up to two square inches (12.9 sq. cm).

If the changes to 12.b.(9) are approved, combine 12.b.(8) with the approved new 12.b.(9) for consistency as the conditions are the same.

ACTION TAKEN BY COMMITTEE

The Vehicle Committee agreed to combine Part II 12.b(7) & 12.b.(8) into one condition and Part II 12.b.(9)-(10) into one condition as outlined below. The update to the OOS will be as outlined below pending ballot approval in the fall of 2024.

12. TIRES		

(7) When more than one ply is exposed in the sidewall and the area exceeds 2 square inches (12.9 sq cm). (393.75(a)(1))

The following conditions apply to all tires; however, when these conditions are found on a dual tire set, both tires must meet one or more of the conditions listed in item 12.b.

(8) When more than one ply is exposed in the tread area and the exposed area of the top ply exceeds 2 square inches (12.9 sq cm) or damaged plies are evident in the sidewall up to 2 square inches (12.9 sq cm). (393.75(a)(1))