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Standard Specification for 245/70R19.5 136/134M Radial Truck Standard Reference Test Tire SW¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the general requirements for the 245/70R19.5 136/134M radial truck standard reference test tire SW. The tire covered by this specification is primarily for use as a reference tire for braking traction and snow traction but may also be used for other evaluations that require a reference tire.

1.1.1 Other standard reference test tires are also used for these purposes and are referenced in Section 2.

1.2 This specification provides a 19.5 rim diameter code standard truck tire design and construction, standard dimensions, and specifies the conditions of storage.

1.3 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to inch-pound 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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.5 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D2240 Test Method for Rubber Property—Durometer Hardness

D5992 Guide for Dynamic Testing of Vulcanized Rubber

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

and Rubber-Like Materials Using Vibratory Methods
E867 Terminology Relating to Vehicle-Pavement Systems
E1136 Specification for P195/75R14 Radial Standard Reference Test Tire
F538 Terminology Relating to Characteristics and Performance of Tires
F2493 Specification for P225/60R16 97S Radial Standard Reference Test Tire
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
F3611 Specification for P225/60R16 97S Radial Low Tread Depth Standard Reference Test Tire
F3675 Specification for 225/45R17 94H XL Radial Standard Reference Test Tire
F3676 Specification for 225/45R17 94V XL Radial Standard Reference Test Tire
F3677 Specification for 315/70R22.5 154/150L Radial Truck Standard Reference Test Tire SW

3. Terminology

3.1 For definitions of terms used in this specification, refer to Terminology **F538**.

3.2 *Definitions:*

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

3.2.2 *pitch, n*—unit of tread pattern elements used in various combinations to obtain optimum noise levels. **F538**

3.2.3 *standard reference test tire, SRTT, n*—a tire that is commonly used as a control tire or surface monitoring tire and meets the requirements for one of the following Specifications: **E1136**, **F2493**, **F2870**, **F2871**, **F2872**, **F3611**, **F3675**, **F3676**, **F3677**, or **F3678**. **F538**

4. Design and Construction

4.1 The 245/70R19.5 136/134M standard reference test tire SW shall feature the steel-belted radial technology, and a



FIG. 1 Front View of the 245/70R19.5 136/134M Radial Truck Standard Reference Test Tire SW



FIG. 2 Side View of the 245/70R19.5 136/134M Radial Truck Standard Reference Test Tire SW

TABLE 1 Physical Properties of Tread Compound

Dissipation factor tangent delta at -20°C	0.305 ± 0.014
Shear modulus G* at -10°C	3.01 ± 0.59 MPa (435 ± 86 psi)
Durometer hardness ^A	66 ± 2 Type A

^A Measured on cured tire tread.

siped-ribbed tread design, see Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, with technology as described in Sections 5 – 7.

4.2 The tire shall be designed to conform to the European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation (ETRTO) dimensions

and tolerances for cross section and overall diameter found in the current ETRTO Standards Manual.³

4.3 The tire used for this specification is produced by Manufacture Francaise des Pneumatiques Michelin.⁴ The tire is stamped on the sidewall with the words: “SRTT SW”, “Standard Reference Test Tire” and “F3678”.

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. These physical properties are to be considered tread compound quality control parameters for use by the SRTT manufacturer prior to tire production. These parameters may vary when compared to samples taken from a cured tire.

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 (steel).

5.6.2 A five-ply tread construction (one-ply steel and four steel belts).

5.6.3 Black sidewall.

6. Physical Properties

6.1 The physical properties of the tread compound are listed in Table 1.

7. Dimensions, Weights, and Permissible Variations

7.1 Details of dimensions are listed as follows and are shown in Fig. 3. When targets and tolerances are not specified, tire dimensions and weights are subject to manufacturer’s normal targets and tolerances.

7.2 Inflated Dimensions and Cured Cord Angles (at 825 kPa (120 psi)):

7.2.1 The tread width shall be 210 mm (8.27 in.), and the cross-sectional tread radius shall be 650 mm ± 50.8 mm (25.59

³ Available from the European Tyre and Rim Technical Organisation, Avenue d’Auderghem 22-28 Box 9 - B 1040 Brussels - Belgium, info@etrto.org.

⁴ The sole source of supply of the apparatus known to the committee at this time is Manufacture Française des Pneumatiques Michelin, 23 place des Carmes Déchaux, 63040 Clermont-Ferrand Cédex 9, France (attn. comptefonction.srtt@michelin.com – specify 245/70R19.5 136/134L Michelin truck SRTT SW). 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,¹ which you may attend.