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Mr. Mehrdad Farkhan 7799 Leesburg Pike Suite 900 N Fails Church, VA 22043

Dear Mr. Farkhan:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of today regarding Michelin warranties. While Michelin does not endorse the introduction and use of any sealant type material in its tires, the use of this material, by itself, does not void the warranty. However, if a tire is rendered unserviceable due to the introduction and use of this material, warranty coverage would be void under the heading of abuse.

I trust this clarifies Michelin's position on this issue and that the information provided will prove helpful. Please call again if you feel we can be of service.

Sincerely,

MICHELIN TIRE CORPORATION

Nancy L. Banks

Consumer Response Manager