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11.1 Information

Questioned tread designs can be searched in an attempt to determine the make and model of tire that made the impression.

The results of a make and model search are provided to an agency as an investigative lead.

Reports: Because multiple tire manufacturers may use similar tread designs on their tires, the report should include a statement informing the agency that they should not limit their search to only the tire(s) listed in the report.

11.2 Tire Tread Design Resources

The below resources are available for searching tire tread designs; examiners should use the resource available at their laboratory.

- Tread Design Guide; this book (published yearly) contains images of tires that are on the market that year.
- TreadMate; a searchable database of tire tread design images.
- Tread Assistant; a searchable database containing images of tire tread designs - this database was discontinued in 2010. If this database is used, the years since 2010 must also be searched in an available resource.
- Internet - in addition to using one of the above resources, the internet may be used. When possible the result of the internet search should be confirmed using the manufacturer's website.

11.3 References

Tread Design Guide, Product Book, Tire Guides, Inc., Boca Raton, FL, Annual Publication tireguides.com

TreadMate, Foster + Freeman USA Inc. usoffice@fosterfreeman.com

Who Makes It? and Where? Directory, Product Booklet, Tire Guides, Inc. Boca Raton, FL, Annual Publication.