Subject: I'm Beginning to Hate Tires Posted by gofar99 on Thu, 02 Oct 2014 02:46:55 GMT

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Hi Everyone. This is my rant for the month

I have spent enough time at Discount Tire this past week to earn a pay check.

I ordered tires for the Subaru Forester about two weeks ago. Got a call they were in and had them put on. Supposed to be Goodyear Assurance Touring Comfort Treads. After a day or so concluded they were not smooth riding and quiet. Pretty bad in both areas really. Took a close look at them.....they were not the Touring Comfort Treads, just the standard Assurance Touring ones.

Went to DT and pointed out the problem....ops no one checked to see if the tires that came in were the right ones, they just put them on. Duh, ever hear about quality control? A new set of tires were ordered.

They came in, went there and had them put on. Next day on a smooth road noticed vibration. Reviewers said it was often because they were installed with the outside tread on the inside. Yup...two were wrong.

Went to DT they changed them. Quality control again dudes?

Drove to Tucson....not smooth (were quiet though), very rough on bad roads and had a vibration at 75.

Worse...a tire sensor went off three times.

Went back to DT today. Yes one tire was out of balance (how does that occur with only 200 miles QC duh) another was slightly out of round and they couldn't find the bad sensor. They were going to order a replacement tire. Until I suggested that the lady in the old DT commercials that put one through their window was probably justified. At that point they decided that an even swap for some Yokohamas might be a good idea (same size and price). So it now has some of the 580s on it. They checked all the sensors again and all checked out OK. Me, I would have replaced all 4 just to be sure I would not have any more problems. They even checked them on the vehicle while I watched and all read correctly. We shall see. To my thinking a bad sensor is worse than no sensor. The ride is now smoother and much like the original tires. For sure the Goodyears had better road centering and were quieter, but road like truck tires. The reviews on the 580s were as expected a mixed bag. There are many Subaru users and they all thought highly of the tire. Some other odd vehicles did not rate them as good....mostly noise issues.