

# Terminal Updates

Dockside news for the trucking community

## HRCPII Hampton Roads Chassis Pool

### The new damaged tire policy & what you need to know

OOCVA recently sat down with Virginia Intermodal Management to discuss details of HRCPII's announcement of an updated OTR damaged tire policy. Currently, drivers must return all casings for damaged tires that were changed while over the road back to HRCPII. Upon returning to the terminal, drivers must have the original chassis on which repairs were made re-inspected by HRCPII while delivering damaged casing(s).

This policy has been updated to ensure quality of repairs performed while OTR and to allow inspection of damaged tires on a case-by-case basis. When returning chassis and casings to HRCPII, an inspection will be made in the driver's presence to determine whether the pool will cover the repair or if a chargeback will be made to the motor carrier.

#### Repairs NOT covered by HRCPII

- Flat tires (below 40 psi)
- Flat Spots
- Worn Tires, less than 2/32ths in two adjacent treads.
- Run Flats
- Tires cut to cord
- Punctured tires

#### Repairs COVERED by HRCPII

- Tread separation & sidewall failure
- Peeled re-caps
- Bubbling in tires
- Dry rot.

**Note to drivers:** Repaired tires with items NOT covered by HRCPII do not have to be

brought for inspection though an automatic chargeback will be made. Chassis repaired while over the road must still be brought for secondary inspection by HRCPII.

Please review the following tips from HRCPII for avoiding charge-backs:

- Check tire pressure BEFORE tendering equipment for use and prior to returning chassis to the pool
- Do NOT accept dispatch for damaged equipment on company yards or loading docks without FIRST notating the damage with your carrier and absolving yourself of liability.
- Do NOT tender chassis from the terminal if tread is close to the 2/32ths mark. If your load requires longer distance travel and tires are returned worn below 2/23ths, you WILL be liable for a chargeback.
- If you have a tire failure while OTR, STOP! Additional tire failures caused by driving on a flat will NOT be covered and a chargeback will be made.

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For more information or questions regarding the new policy, please contact HRCPII at (757) 440-5195 ◊