# NATIONWIDE LIMITED WARRANTY

This Limited Warranty is made by TBC Corporation and applies to the Vanderbilt passenger and light truck tires listed herein. The original purchaser is entitled to the benefits of this limited warranty unless an applicable exclusion applies or the purchaser has failed to comply with the use, maintenance or tire rotation requirements stated herein.

#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR WARRANTY COVERAGE**

You must be the original purchaser of the warranted tire and the tire must have been continuously installed on the vehicle on which it was first installed. Your sales receipt is your proof of purchase and the vehicle upon which the tire was original installed. This tire warranty is not transferable to another vehicle or to another person. This warranty does not cover tires installed on a commercial vehicle.

To be and remain eligible for the Tread Life portion of your Limited Warranty, you must present proof that you have rotated the Vanderbilt tire, in accordance with the prescribed rotation pattern, at least every 6,000 miles following installation. For your convenience, the prescribed tire rotation pattern and a space to record the date and frequency of rotation is provided at the end of this warranty booklet.

#### LIMITED TREAD LIFE WARRANTY ON SPECIFIC VANDERBILT TIRES

No tire manufacturer or dealer can assure that you will achieve a certain number of driven miles or months of use from a given tire ("Tread Life") because driving habits, road and driving conditions, and vehicle maintenance and condition all play a role in tire tread life and all differ with each purchaser. However, the Vanderbilt tire lines listed in the Tread Life Warranty Table at the end of this Limited Warranty are warranted for a specified number of actual miles driven or months of installation on the original vehicle, whichever first occurs. The Vanderbilt tire lines not identified in the Tread Life Warranty Table are not covered by a Tread Life Limited Warranty and are only warranted against defects in material and workmanship.

If you purchased a Vanderbilt tire identified in the Tread Life Warranty Table and the tire wears evenly, but fails to provide the number of warranted miles or months of use, whichever first occurs, you are entitled to receive a prorated allowance applicable to the purchase price of a comparable new replacement Vanderbilt or other tire brand marketed by TBC Corporation. The amount of the warranty replacement allowance is based on the "Useable Tread Life" of each warranted Vanderbilt tire line. The amount of the tread life warranty allowance is equal to the percentage of the warranted "Useable Tread Life" remaining (months or miles, whichever first occurs) when the end of tire's Useable Tread Life has been reached.

A tire's "Useable Tread" is the original tread groove depth down to the treadwear safety indicator bars that are molded into the tire groove. The treadwear indicators are reached when only 2/32nds of an inch of tire tread remains. A tire has delivered its full "Useable Tread Life" when its tread has become worn down to the treadwear indicators at 2/32" (1.6 millimeters) of tread remaining. Tires become unsafe for use and must be replaced to avoid accident or injury when the tread depth remaining is 2/32" or less.

The Limited Tread Life Warranty does not cover and you are responsible for payment of the remaining charges for the replacement tire, the charges for mounting and balancing the replacement tire, and applicable taxes.

## LIMITED WARRANTY AGAINST DEFECTS IN WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS

All Vanderbilt tire lines are warranted against failures due to defects in workmanship and materials. The following Vanderbilt tire lines are warranted for a no-charge warranty replacement for defects in material or workmanship during the first fifty percent (50%) of the tire's Useable Tread:

- Touring LSE
- Grand Spirit SLi
- Turbo-Tech Tour HST

A no-charge warranty replacement is available for all other Vanderbilt tire lines if a defect in material or workmanship occurs during the first 2/32nds of an inch of Useable Tread.

If you are entitled to receive a no-charge warranty replacement tire, the mounting and balancing of that tire will also be provided at no charge.

If a Vanderbilt tire fails due to a defect in workmanship or materials after the applicable no-charge replacement period specified above for the Vanderbilt tire line you purchased, you will be entitled to a prorated allowance applicable to the purchase price of a comparable new Vanderbilt or other tire brand marketed by TBC Corporation. This replacement tire allowance will be prorated and calculated by dividing the number of 32nds of Useable Tread remaining when the tire is presented for warranty replacement (rounding to the nearest 32nd of an inch) by the total number of 32nds of an inch of Useable Tread. You will be responsible for the charges applicable for mounting, balancing and taxes for the warranty replacement tire when the tire fails due to defects in material or workmanship after your Vanderbilt tire line no-charge replacement period has ended.

Once the Useable Tread of a Vanderbilt tire has been exhausted, this warranty for defects in material and workmanship has also been exhausted and the benefits of the warranty terminate.

#### LIMITED RIDE DISTURBANCE WARRANTY

If you experience "Ride Disturbance" attributable solely to the Vanderbilt tire you purchased during the first 2/32nds of an inch of Useable Tread wear, we will replace the tire causing the Ride Disturbance with a comparable new Vanderbilt tire without charge for the replacement tire, mounting or balancing. "Ride Disturbance" occurs when a tire does not deliver a satisfactory ride or displays an unsatisfactory road handling characteristic that is attributable solely to the tire. Ride Disturbance may be caused by many other mechanical issues, including improper alignment and failing shock absorbers and brakes. Normally, Ride Disturbance should not be present when tires are properly mounted and balanced, and never occurs on all four tires. Therefore, a Ride Disturbance Warranty will not apply to all four tires. Ride Disturbance warranty claims will not be honored after the first 2/32nds of an inch of Useable Tread wear has occurred.

#### WARRANTY EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

The exclusions and limitations on the applicability of this warranty set forth in this section and other sections should be read carefully because they may determine whether you are entitled to a warranty replacement or a warranty replacement allowance. The limited warranties provided by TBC Corporation for the Vanderbilt tire you purchased do not apply after its Useable Tread Life has ended or the tire failed because of any one of the following:

- tires installed on a vehicle registered or normally used outside the United States and Canada
- the tire was used on a commercial or commercial use vehicle (e.g., limousine)
- · the tire was transferred to another vehicle after it was originally installed
- tires installed on a vehicle with a malfunctioning odometer will not be covered by a Tread Life Warranty
- the tire is branded as "Blemish" or "NA" or the molded DOT number has been removed or disfigured
- the tire was repaired only with a self-vulcanizing plug, improper section repairs
  or in a manner that does not comply with Rubber Manufacturers Association
  standards
- · road hazard, potholes, or collision damage
- · vandalism, theft, racing, off-road use, long-term improper storage or other abuse
- improper mounting procedures or a failure to balance or properly balance the tire
- · over and under inflation, overloading, or failure to maintain proper tire pressure
- addition of liquids, solids or gases (other than air, nitrogen, carbon dioxide) such as sealers or balancing materials
- ozone or weather cracks or checking occurring four (4) years after the date of purchase or, if that proof is not available, four (4) years after the DOT serial date
- · vehicle mechanical failures, improper alignment, or brake and shock failure
- · the wheel on which the tire is mounted is defective or fails
- alteration of tread design to improve traction (siping) or grinding to improve uniformity, or sidewall inlays
- tires with "irregular treadwear" (which is defined as a tread groove depth difference of 2/32nds of an inch or more on the same tire)

Tire replacement or a replacement purchase allowance under this warranty may also be denied if you are unable to provide sufficient proof of purchase, purchase price, purchase date, mileage, and the original vehicle on which the tire was installed or proof of proper tire rotation.

Your legal rights vary from state to state. To the extent permitted by the laws of your state, this warranty does not cover and expressly excludes any coverage for personal injury, property damage, loss of time, inconvenience, loss of use of your vehicle or tire, or any other incidental or consequential damages. No express warranty is given other than those expressly stated in this Limited Warranty booklet. Any implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or otherwise, is limited in duration and expire when the tire's Useable Tread is exhausted as specified in this limited warranty. No implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or otherwise, is given on tires used on commercial vehicles or for commercial use vehicles. This is the only warranty that applies to the Vanderbilt tires purchased by you and supersedes and replaces the terms of any previous warranty. TBC Corporation neither assumes nor extends, nor authorizes any other person or entity to assume or extend on its behalf, any other or different warranty obligation.

## NATIONWIDE-LIMITED WARRANTY

#### **OWNER OBLIGATIONS**

It is your obligation to present the tire for which you are seeking a warranty replacement or a replacement allowance to a Vanderbilt tire dealer. Until a tire is accepted by the dealer for warranty replacement or allowance, the tire remains the responsibility of the purchaser. Once the tire is accepted by the dealer for warranty replacement or allowance, you agree to relinquish all ownership and all rights to the tire. To locate a dealer near you, contact TBC Corporation by telephone toll-free during normal business hours at 800-238-6469. If there is a dispute with respect to the application of this warranty you must make the tire available for further inspection.

When you purchased your Vanderbilt tire, the dealer presented you with proof of its purchase in the form of a sales receipt, warranty registration form, and this warranty booklet. That receipt also recorded and provides proof of important information that you must present when you seek the benefits of this Limited Warranty. You should retain the purchase receipt because no warranty claim will be accepted by your Vanderbilt dealer or TBC Corporation unless you retain and present the following to the dealer when you seek to the benefits of this warranty:

- proof of your purchase of the Vanderbilt tire presented
- proof of the date of your purchase (if none is presented the date of manufacture will be used for the purposes of this Limited Warranty)
- · proof as to the vehicle on which this tire was mounted
- the mileage of the vehicle on which this tire was mounted on the date of purchase
- proof that the tire was properly rotated at the required intervals when a Tread Life Warranty claim is presented

The mounting and balancing of no-charge replacement tires is also provided at no charge to you. However, when a warranty replacement allowance is provided, you are responsible to pay the charges, including applicable taxes, for the remaining purchase price of a replacement tire, and the mounting and balancing that new replacement tire.

You are also responsible for payment of any charges that may apply for the rotation of your Vanderbilt tire at least every 6,000 miles which is required by this Limited Warranty.

#### **LEGAL RIGHTS**

This Limited Warranty gives you legal rights, and you may have additional legal rights under applicable federal statutes and regulations or state law. Your legal rights under state law may vary state to state.

## VANDERBILT TREAD LIFE WARRANTY – TABLE OF TIRE LINES, MILEAGE AND MONTHS

TIRE LINE	MILES	KILOMETERS	MONTHS		
PASSENGER					
TOURING LSE (T Rated)	80,000	128,000	72		
TOURING LSE (H & V Rated)	60,000	96,000	60		
GRAND SPIRIT TOURING SLI (T Rated)	70,000	112,000	60		
GRAND SPIRIT TOURING	70,000	112,000	60		
GRAND SPIRIT TOURING SLI (H & V Rated)	60,000	96,000	60		
GRAND PRIX TOUR RS (T Rated)	60,000	96,000	60		
GRAND PRIX TOUR RS (H & V Rated)	50,000	80,000	48		
MIRADA SPORT GTX	50,000	80,000	48		
ALL SEASON	50,000	80,000	48		

#### LIGHT TRUCK (Metric Only) EXCEPT \*

MIRADA CROSSTOUR SLX	70,000	112,000	60
WILD SPIRIT SPORT HT	65,000	105,000	60
TURBO-TECH TOUR HST	60,000	96,000	60
WILD TRAC LTR II	50,000	80,000	48
WILD TRAC LTR MAX*	50,000	80,000	48
WILD SPIRIT A/T	50,000	80,000	48
WILD SPIRIT AT/S*	50,000	80,000	48
TURBO-TECH ASR	40,000	64,000	42

\* Mileage Warranty Applies To All Sizes Including LT

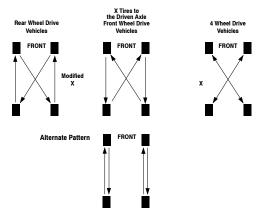
#### IMPORTANT SAFETY WARNINGS AND INFORMATION

Vanderbilt tire owners should follow these safety tips to avoid serious accident and injury:

- Tire under inflation, over inflation or overloading can cause tire failure (you must adhere to directions in the manufacturer's owner's manual or tire placard in the vehicle for proper tire pressures for the front and rear tires)
- Be sure that all of the tire valve caps are present and securely attached, the valve cap is one
  of the primary seals against air leaks

- · Tires should be mounted by only specially trained dealer personnel
- Match the tire's diameter with the wheel rim's bead seat diameter (for example, a 15 inch
  tire must only be mounted on a 15 inch wheel)
- Inflation pressure should be checked, using an accurate tire gauge, at least once a month
  and check pressure when the tire is cool; never bleed hot tires as it may lead to under inflation after cooling; but never allow children to check, inflate or deflate tires
- Before towing a trailer, check with your dealer to determine proper tire sizing and pressures
  that may be required because of the trailer load.
- Check tires frequently for cuts, bulges, abnormal or uneven wear, abrasions, glass or metal debris and impact damage
- Repairs to tires must always consist of a plug combined with a patch applied to the inside
  of the tire when the tire is removed from the wheel; plug repairs only are improper and are
  prone to leaks and sudden failures
- Avoid road hazards, debris, curbs and potholes which can damage your tires, wheels and alignment
- Never over inflate your tire and never exceed the maximum pressure and load molded in the tire sidewall and only inflate tire to maximum pressure when your tires are carrying the maximum load
- · Have tire punctures repaired by the trained personnel at a Vanderbilt dealer
- If your vehicle is stuck in snow, mud, sand or is impeded by a physical obstruction, such
  as a ditch, avoid excessive tire spinning; never exceed 35 miles an hour on the odometer
  when spinning a tire as the centrifugal force generated above that speed could result in tire
  deformation or explosion. Instead, use gentle forward and backward motion to free the
  vehicle.
- Best tire performance is achieved when all tires are of the same type and the size that is
  recommended by the vehicle manufacturer for the particular axle. Never mount radial ply
  tires on the same axle as non-radial ply tires; never mount radial tires on the front axle when
  non-radial tires are mounted on the rear axle as these conditions can create vehicle instability resulting in sudden loss of control, damage and injury.
- It is recommended that all four (4) tires on a passenger or light truck vehicle be replaced
  at the same time. However, when only two (2) tires are replaced, the new tires should be
  installed on the rear axle to achieve better driving performance and safety.
- Never drive on tires that have less than 2/32nds of an inch of tread remaining; replace tires
  as soon as the tread reaches the treadwear indicators molded into the tread grooves of the
  tire which reveal when the tread depth remaining is 2/32nds of an inch. Continued use
  creates a serious risk of tire failure, loss of control and serious injury
- Never operate your vehicle at speeds above that posted or speeds that are not justified by the road conditions

#### APPROVED TIRE ROTATION PATTERNS\*



- None of the patterns illustrated shows rotation of a spare tire. "Temporary Use" or
  "Mini" spares can not be included in a rotation pattern. A full size comparable spare tire (that
  is, same size and radial type) may be included in any of the patterns shown above by inserting
  the spare in the right rear position. The tire that would have moved to the right rear position
  becomes the spare.
- \* When rotating tires with a directional tread pattern, observe the arrows molded on the tire sidewall which show the direction the tire should turn. For vehicles that are equipped with different size tires front to rear, refer to the vehicle manufacturer's rotation procedures in the vehicle owner's manual.