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NLMT FAQ

Lakeville, Ind. – November 11, 2022. Nearly two months after the historic announcement of a National Late Model Tire (NLMT) for Super Late Model Racing in 2023, Hoosier Racing Tire felt it was important to address some of the more commonly asked questions about the new tire.

Will there be a burnoff period?

Yes, we are encouraging all national series, regional series, and weekly tracks to allow a burnoff period to start the 2023 season, but the exact details of the program have not been finalized. Extra time may be allowed for burnoff of the UMP LM tires. A drop-dead date for conversion is also being considered along with a separate burnoff period for front and rear tires.

Is Hoosier going to continue building other tires like the 1350s and WRS-2?

No. The NLMT will be the only Super Late Model tire produced in 2023, spec or open competition. Certain stamped crate series tires like CUSA and FT may continue, but inventory will be directed and allocated accordingly to fulfill the series' needs first.

What are the NLMT sizes and compounds?

<u>Catalog #</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Pattern</u>	<u>T.W.</u>	<u>Dia.</u>	<u>Circ.</u>	<u>Wheel</u>	<u>Compound</u>
36700	90.0/11.0-15	Large Cross Block	11.0"	28.5"	89.0"	12-14"	NLMT1, NLMT2, NLMT3
36710	92.0/11.0-15	Large Cross Block	11.0"	29.0"	92.0"	12-14"	NLMT2, NLMT3, NLMT4

NLMT1 – similar to 1300, call it a 1250. Tougher than 1200 but slightly softer than 1300

NLMT2 – similar to LM20/FT200. Lower traction but a very durable, repeatable compound

NLMT3 – similar to LM30/1450. Tough, repeatable compound, that stands up to abrasion well

NLMT4 – similar to M40 or old standard 1600 rubber. Likes black, slick slow conditions

What is the price of the new NLMT tire?

We expect the MSRP on the NLMT tire to be lower than the existing open-competition Late Model Tires. In conjunction with the reduction in overall tire inventory and lower overall usage, we expect these changes to bring measurable savings for Dirt Late Model Teams nationwide.



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Will there be grooving and siping in 2023?

We are recommending that the NLMT program be a no groove, no sipe program to reduce preparation time, increase tire life, and lower overall expenses. However, the final decision on implementation will be up to the individual sanction or track. We would recommend the following language if a sanction or track implements a no groove/sipe rule:

- Grooving and siping are not allowed on NLMT tires. Light buffing is permitted but MUST be done in a manner as to NOT create a sipe (cut/split) in the surface of the rubber and cannot dramatically alter the factory tread pattern or block surface. (See the tech official for a legal sample or a specific ruling before the competition if you have any questions).

What is the plan for a series that requires a hard tire like the WRS-2?

We feel very comfortable that the NLMT3 tire with no grooving and siping can accomplish all the goals that the racing series set out to accomplish with a harder compound tire rule. The NLMT3 is a very durable, repeatable compound but is still far more durable than softer open-competition compounds. It has proven to slow speeds but increase competition as drivers have been able to maneuver better and race in areas of the track that harder tires would not allow them to explore. Competitors can also still get 6-8 nights from a single right rear tire.

Can we use the NLMT tire on our Limited Late Model or Street Stock Class?

Absolutely. The NLMT program should reduce initial inventory and overall consumption for these classes as well. Also, it often makes sense for other classes to utilize the same tires as the Super Late Models to promote the sell down of tires and the sharing of information. The grooving and siping program may be adjusted to match the needs of these local classes. Just ask your local track to discuss the opportunity with their nearest Hoosier Distributor.

When do you expect to release the NLMT Tires?

We should begin releasing some NLMT tires in Mid-December to be prepared for our 1st event on the tires, the Wild West Shootout in Vado, NM beginning on January 7th.

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