

BTS6 - STANDARD BUFFING TEXTURES FOR TIRE RETREADING AND REPAIRING

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I. PURPOSE

The Tread Rubber and Tire Repair Materials and Manufacturers' Group (TRMG) and the Tire Retread and Repair Information Bureau (TRIB), have updated the industry-approved buff texture standards, which were established as a prime reference tool for all tire retread and repair shops. In conjunction with this recommended practice (RP), a buff texture sheet featuring the six established buffing textures for different rubber applications (Figure 1), is available for purchase from TRIB.

II. BUFF TEXTURE DESCRIPTIONS

Known as BTS6, the TRMG IRP Buff Textures Sheet features the six industry-approved textures that are used for various tire retread and repair applications:

1. **BT1** - Smooth, velvet-like texture appropriate for inside surfaces receiving chemical repairs.
2. **BT2** - Smooth, velvet-like texture appropriate for inside surfaces receiving chemical or heat cure repairs and retread applications.
3. **BT3** - Ideal outside surface texture of skives in light and medium truck and small OTR tires. Preferred for retread applications.
4. **BT4** - A rougher, buffed surface ideal for outside surface texture of skives in larger OTR tires. Preferred for retread applications.
5. **BT5** - Progressively rougher texture for specific OTR repair and acceptable for some retread applications.
6. **BT6** - An extremely course texture, unfit for repairs and retread applications.

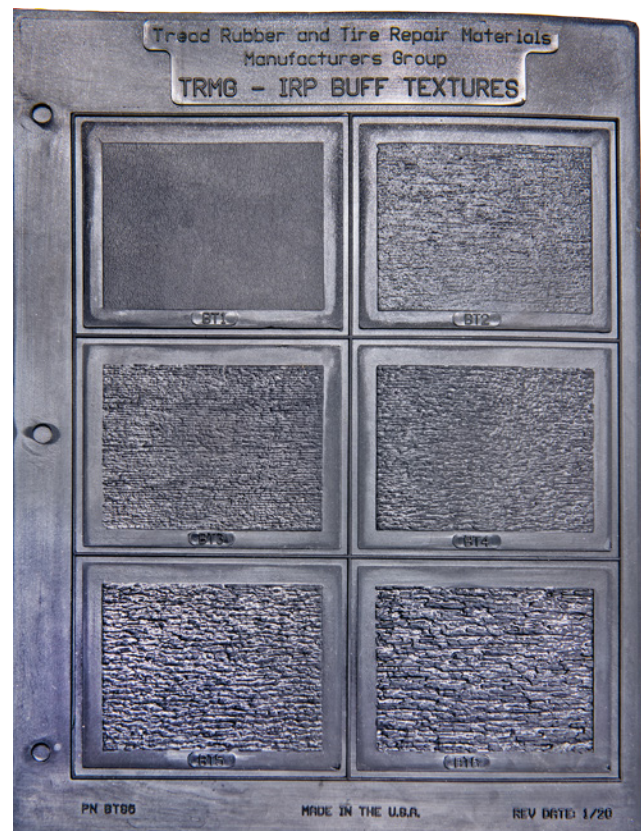


Figure 1

Note: Buff textures shown are for general guidance. Questions pertaining to a specific buff texture for use in specific applications should be addressed with the material supplier or manufacturer.

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