

I copied this from the GL1800.com bulletin board. Could have been an isolated incident but since alot of you are getting the Elite 3's I thought it was worth the reprint here. Post was as follows:

Yesterday I took my 1800 into the shop to have the front tire replaced with a Dunlop Elite 3. After getting home and looking at the sidewall I noticed that I didn't see anything indicating the tire was a radial. A call to Dunlop confirmed that the tire installed was a bias ply intended for the 1500.

The elite 3 is made in identical sizes in both radial and bias ply configurations. The only difference in looking at them is the "R" designator in the tire size. If the size shows 130/70/18, and not 130/70R18 it is a bias ply and not a radial. Obviously running a bias ply on the front with a radial on the rear is not a good thing. When I called the shop they were unaware that the elite 3 came in both bias and radial. They apologized and immediately made it right.

Maybe I'm the only one this will happen to, but somehow I doubt it. It certainly is worth double checking when you buy the tire or if you already have had one installed.