

TIRE SAFETY AND DURABILITY TIPS

Proper tire care can help assure your safety on the road. Attention to the following factors will assure that you get the performance and service your tires were designed to provide.

INFLATION PRESSURE

Underinflation causes tires to overheat and can lead to premature failure. Overinflation will result in a hard, uncomfortable ride.

- For the best ride and handling, inflate tires to pressure recommended by vehicle manufacturer.
- Check pressure monthly when tires are cold (less than 2 miles of travel).
- Use accurate pressure gauge.
- Do not reduce pressure in hot tires; recheck when cool.
- Do not exceed tire manufacturer's maximum pressure (indicated on sidewall).

LOAD

Every tire is engineered to carry a specific load at specific inflation pressure. Tires perform best and last longer when operated within this range.

- Do not overload tires (sidewall is marked with maximum load).

DRIVING

The way you drive can affect tire durability.

- Avoid "peeling" starts, "screaming" stops and hard cornering.
- Avoid driving into curbs, through pot holes, and over road debris.

TREAD

Tread depth is critical to driving safety and tire life.

- Tread life ends and tire should be replaced when tread depth reaches 2/32". (Wear bars across the face of the tire become visible when this level is reached).
- Proper alignment will prevent uneven wear.
- Tire balancing provides ride comfort and helps to prevent some types of irregular tread wear.
- Regular tire rotation will provide more even wear and longer tread life.

WHEN IT'S TIME FOR NEW TIRES

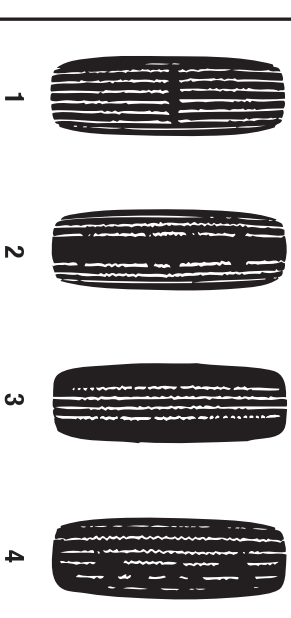
Tire selection should be based on these important factors:

- The type of vehicle you drive.
- The roads you drive on.
- The way you drive.
- The weather you drive in.

PROLONG THE LIFE OF YOUR TIRES

1. **Excessive tread wear**, with tread depths at $\frac{1}{32}$ " or less, is easy to spot. Insert the top edge of a penny into a tread. If the top of Lincoln's head shows, replace the tire soon.
2. **Overinflation** causes premature tread wear.
3. **Underinflation** damages outer tire ribs.
4. **Uneven tread wear** can mark a need for wheel alignment, replacement of springs, brakes or other steering/suspension parts. Let a professional check for and correct any of these problems.

Watch for these conditions:



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