



TIRE SAFETY



SAFETY CHECKLIST

- Check tire pressure regularly (at least once a month) including the spare.
- Inspect tires for uneven wear patterns on the tread, cracks, foreign objects, or other signs of wear or trauma. Remove bits of glass and other foreign objects wedged in the tread.
- Make sure your tire valves have valve caps.
- Check tire pressure before going on a long trip.
- Do not overload your vehicle.
- Check the tire information placard or owner's manual for the maximum recommended load for the vehicle.
- If you are towing a trailer, remember that some of the weight of the loaded trailer is transferred to the towing vehicle.

CHECKING TIRE PRESSURE

Tires may naturally lose air over time, so checking the tire pressure on a regular basis makes sense. Purchase a tire pressure gauge to keep in your vehicle. Remember the tire inflation number that vehicle manufacturers provide reflects the proper pounds per square inch (psi) when a tire is cold. To get an accurate tire pressure reading, measure tire pressure when the car has been unused for at least three hours.

CHECKING TIRE TREAD

Tires have built-in treadwear indicators to let you know when it is time to replace your tires. These indicators are raised sections spaced intermittently in the bottom of the tread grooves.

When they appear even with the outside of the tread, it is time to replace your tires. You can also test your tread with a Lincoln penny. Simply turn the penny so Lincoln's head is pointing down and insert it into the tread. If the tread doesn't cover Lincoln's head, it's time to replace your tires.

- ✓ **Better fuel economy**
- ✓ **Increased tire life**
- ✓ **Protection against avoidable breakdowns and crashes.**