



Maintain Your Tires to Stay Safe

Properly inflated tires improve your gas mileage and can help prevent unwanted blowouts. What's more, fully inflated tires can also help keep you safe behind the wheel by contributing to responsive braking and proper steering. Best of all, it only takes a few minutes each month to maintain the life of your tires and keep them working to their full potential. Consider the following tips to keep your tires in top shape and stay safe on the road.

Check your air pressure once per month.

- The correct air pressure for your vehicle is typically found in the owner's manual, on the gas tank lid, on the driver's side door edge or on the doorpost.
- The air pressure listed on the tire is not the correct air pressure; this is the maximum amount of air pressure that the tire can handle.
- Your tire pressure should be the same on the tires of each axle, but may vary from the front to the rear axle.
- When you are done filling your tires, close the valve caps to protect the valve from dust and dirt, and to prevent leaking.

Check your tread depth.

- Conduct the penny test by placing a penny upside down with Lincoln facing you, in the center of the tread.
- If you can see the top of Lincoln's head or the metal above it, replace your tires as soon as possible.

Rotate your tires.

- Rotate your tires every 5,000 to 7,000 miles to ensure that the tires wear evenly.

Take Care of Your Tires While Driving, Too

Protect your tires on the road by practicing safe driving precautions—such as approaching curbs at slow speeds, avoiding potholes and debris, starting and stopping gradually, and not overloading your vehicle. For additional vehicle maintenance tips and auto insurance solutions, contact us today.