



What every driver should know about their tyres

How well your car reacts under acceleration, braking, steering and cornering, depends to a great extent, upon your tyres. Their performance will also contribute to a smoother ride, better fuel consumption and a lower level of transmitted road noise. It is therefore essential that you know the basics:

1 Fit the correct tyres

Car manufacturers stipulate the specifications of tyres that should be fitted to your car. Replacing tyres with the incorrect specifications could mean:

- Your vehicle may not handle as it did, to the extent of being unsafe
- Your car is not roadworthy
- Your insurance is void

2 Regularly check tyre pressure

Tyre pressure should be checked regularly, at least once a month. When undertaking long trips this checking should be done every couple of days. Tyre pressure should only be checked when tyres are cold. Never check tyres when they are hot. Always ensure tyres are kept at pressures recommended by car manufacturers. This information is usually found on the placard inside the driver's door.

3 Rotate tyres

Radial Ply construction tyres keep the tyre tread flat on the road, however it is still possible for irregular wear patterns to occur. These are as a result of under or over inflation or vehicle suspension misalignment. These wear patterns can develop where tyres are not rotated. It is essential that you have your tyres rotated regularly.

Regularly inspect your tyres for any penetrating objects, damage or abnormalities. If you notice an irregular wear pattern developing immediately have your tyres inspected at your nearest Dunlop Super Dealer.

4 Balance your wheels

Make sure your wheels are always balanced correctly. This will ensure proper handling, better performance and prolonged tyre life.

5 Always use valve caps

The valve cap is the major seal in the valve and will assist in maintaining pressure and prevent the entry of dirt and moisture. Check each cap is screwed on tightly (never overtighten). Dunlop Super Dealers will replace any missing plastic caps free of charge.

6 Check tread wear

Tread wear should be checked regularly, at least once a year or every 10,000 kilometres. Ask the Dunlop Super Dealer staff to show you how to check your tread depth correctly.

7 Check your spare tyre

A spare tyre can be easily overlooked. Regularly check your spare tyre for correct pressure each time you check your other tyres.