

# Check Your Tire Pressure

## Safety Facts

- Properly inflated tires can save 5 cents a gallon in gas.
- A well tended tire can last for 40,000 to 80,000 miles.
- Under inflated tires can build up heat, which could cause potentially fatal blowouts.
- Tire pressure is the single greatest cause of tire damage and failure.

## Maintenance Facts

- Have tires balanced and rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles.
- Maintain adequate tread depth on tires, at least 1/16th inch.
- Have vehicle alignment checked often.

## Environmental Facts

- 5% under inflation increases fuel consumption 1%, and releases 1.5 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).
- Maintaining proper tire pressure generates less scrap tires per year.

## When To Check Tire Pressure

- Check tires when they are cold.
- Check tires routinely once a month.
- Check tires before long trips.

