

# Put yourself in safe hands.

It's easy to forget that tyres are a critical safety feature of any car. However, at Bridgestone, your safety sits at the heart of everything we do. That's why we believe it's important for you to know how to look after your tyres.

## Correctly inflate your tyres.

Under or over-inflating your tyres is dangerous and can lead to excessive tread wear. Look for the manufacturer's recommended tyre pressure on the tyre placard usually located on the driver's side door pillar, fuel flap, glove compartment or engine bay. Or have a Bridgestone tyre specialist inflate your tyres for you.

- ✓ Check your tyres weekly.
- ✓ Check pressures when your tyres are cold.
- ✓ Use an accurate tyre pressure gauge.
- ✓ For heavy loads or sustained high-speed driving, increase the pressure according to your vehicle's recommendations.

Safe tread depth maintains your driving control, grips the road, disperses water and keeps you safe. A worn tyre increases your braking time in the wet and the chance of you losing control.



## Maintain safe tread depth.

Most new tyres start out with 8-9mm of tread. When this wears, your tyre's ability to disperse water reduces. When the tread is less than 2mm, replace your tyre as soon as possible as it's likely to be unsafe.

- ✓ Regularly check your tread indicators, which will show as lines across the tread when it's 1.6mm\*.
- ✓ Alternatively, measure your tyre's tread depth with the key tag attached to this leaflet.

\*Minimum legal requirement



## Check the age of your tyres.

Unfortunately, there is no hard and fast rule to determining the age at which you should remove your tyres from service. Bridgestone give a 5-year warranty from date of manufacture. You can check the age of your tyres by looking at the Tyre Identification Number (TIN). The last four digits indicate the week and year of manufacture: for example, a tyre with TIN 'XXX1214' was manufactured in the 12th week of 2014.

## Rotate your tyres regularly.

Rotating your tyres is vital for safe tread wear and maximum tyre life. Your tyres can wear differently depending on their position on your car and because of vehicle loading or suspension and steering set up. Rotating your tyres will give a more even wear pattern and prolong tyre life.

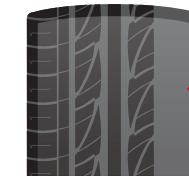
- ✓ Rotate your tyres every 5,000 - 8,000 kilometres, or according to your vehicle manufacturer's recommendations.

## Get a professional wheel alignment regularly.

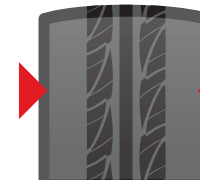
Correctly aligned wheels are essential for safe handling and braking – and they can help to reduce fatigue when you're driving. You'll also avoid excessive or irregular tyre wear.

- ✓ Get a wheel alignment every six months or 10,000 kilometres.

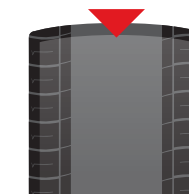
## How tyre irregular wear occurs.



Irregular shoulder wear  
unbalanced /  
misalignment



Shoulder wear  
under-inflation



Centre wear  
over-inflation

New Tyres

Worn Tyres

