

# Consumer Advisory: Factors to Consider in the Life of Your Tires



The following elements each play an important part in your tire's safety. Throughout the life of the tires it is necessary to see how each of these plays a different role. Excludes trailer tires.



DOT\*  
Date

2 Years

4 Years

6 Years

8 Years

10 Years

## UP to 6 YEARS

**Tire quality/construction:** Features and Benefits help to describe capabilities of tires during this period.

**Service Conditions/Maintenance:** Rotate tires every 6-8,000 miles, check air pressure monthly and check tire balance every 12-16,000 miles. Tire Manufacturers suggest most tires are out of service at 3-4 years based on wear.

**Tire Wear/Condition:** Less than new tread changes traction and stability capabilities in extreme weather conditions (such as: snow, ice, rain, dirt/mud).

**Environmental Conditions:** Exposure to heat and ultraviolet rays may cause structural changes in the tire not found in more moderate climates.

**Tire DOT\*:** Tire age is not the major consideration during this portion of the tire's life.

**VISUAL TIRE INSPECTIONS AND MONTHLY AIR PRESSURE CHECKS ARE RECOMMENDED**

## 6 to 10 YEARS

**Tire quality/construction:** Are more valid concerns as some tires are designed to be nearing the end of their service life based on average consumer travel of 12-15,000 miles annually.

**Service Conditions/Maintenance:** Tires that have not been serviced or maintained properly are typically at the end of their service life.

**Tire Wear/Condition:** Less tread reduces traction and stability in all weather conditions as well as propensity to punctures.

**Environmental Conditions:** Exposure to heat and ultraviolet rays causes ozone/weather cracking and structural changes.

**Tire DOT\*:** Now, one of the important considerations as some vehicle manufacturers recommend replacement and tire manufacturer warranties expire.

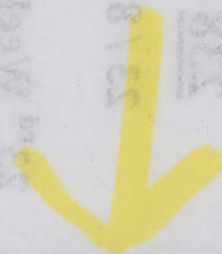
**REPLACEMENT IS RECOMMENDED**

## MORE than 10 YEARS

**Tire quality/construction, Service Conditions/Maintenance, Tire Wear/Condition, Environmental Conditions:** Regardless of all of these conditions, tires reach the end of their tire life.

**Tire DOT\*:** Tire age is the most important consideration during this portion of the tire life as tire manufacturers recommend replacement of any tires regardless of service, including spares.

\*Department of Transportation



**NO SERVICE ON TIRES WITH A DOT BEYOND 10 YEARS**

Note: This information applies to passenger & light truck tires

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