

Driving – tyre check tips

If you are a car driver then these simple tips are intended to help keep you safely on the road.

Tyre Tips for a smooth drive

All drivers can have a smoother drive whether they are on a trip with family or on a solo trip, off to work or popping out for groceries. Taking the time to make some checks on your vehicle but also investing in quality tyres are a couple of the best things you can do before heading out.

Here are some tips to help you keep an eye on your tyres that will help you avoid any difficulties while you are on the road

Tyre Pressure Levels

Starting off by always checking the air pressure in your tyres is one of the most important points on the checklist. Use a tyre pressure gauge to check the pressure in your tyres. Without a visual check or check on pressure levels with the right equipment there is a greater chance of punctures if you hit an unexpected bump on the road.

Choosing the right tyres

Investing in good quality tyres is easy if you choose the right outlet. You are recommended to get professional help and buy tyres that are both reliable and long lasting. So visit a reliable and professional garage service in your area. A professional tyre retailer such as [Fife- Autocentre \(01382 205000\)](https://www.fifeautocentre.co.uk) (Tyres in Dundee) will give you advice on what is best for your vehicle.

Tread Depth of Tyres

You are recommended to check the tyre tread depth regularly to ensure you are not breaking the law. This is one of the most important checks as you risk a fine and three penalty points for a worn tyre. The outer layer should be at least 1.6 mm across the central three-quarters of the tyre, (The tread must meet this minimum requirement across its complete circumference.) and it is a good idea to check this as often as you think of it. You can be fined up to £2,500 per tyre if the tread on all of the tyres are below the legal limit. Some experts think that this depth is an absolute limit and the RAC recommend a minimum depth of 3mm. If the tread is less than that then they recommend replacing the tyres to avoid aquaplaning or losing grip on corners.

The RAC also recommend using a 20p coin to check the tread – the edge of this coin is 2mm so if you are unable to see the outer edge of the coin when you insert it in the tread you know it is time for new tyres.

All of these recommendations may help you avoid unnecessary tyre damage and allow you to have a pleasant driving experience.

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