

PSSST! WHEN DID YOU LAST CHECK YOURS?



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Keeping your tyres properly inflated is essential for your safety on the road. Not only will correct tyre pressures reduce the risk of suffering a dangerous high speed blowout, but it will also give you better handling and braking.

What's more, correct inflation means your tyres will last longer, you'll use less fuel and you'll even reduce your impact on the environment.

Your tyres will lose pressure naturally over time so it's important that you check them at least once a month or before any long journeys.



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CHECKING YOUR PRESSURE. THE BENEFITS.

By checking your pressures once a month you'll benefit in a number of ways:

Checking your tyre pressures is quick and easy. Many tyre retailers and garages will be happy to do this for you free of charge, but if you'd rather do this yourself, you'll need to follow a few simple rules.

- Ideally check your pressures when the tyres are cold, i.e. you've driven less than a couple of miles.
- Use an accurate and reliable pressure gauge. Digital or pencil style gauges can be kept in your glove box. Alternatively, visit your local petrol forecourt.
- Check your pressures against the vehicle manufacturer's recommended settings for the load being carried. These can be found in the vehicle handbook, inside the fuel filler cap or on the driver's door sill.
- Check the pressure in all four tyres and don't forget the spare if your car is equipped with one.
- When checking the pressures, give each tyre a visual inspection to ensure it looks in good condition. Look out for any bulges, lumps or cuts and remove any stones embedded in the tread. If something doesn't look right, have it inspected immediately by a tyre professional.
- Replace the valve caps after checking the tyre pressures.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, CHECK YOUR TYRES' PRESSURES AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH OR BEFORE ANY LONG JOURNEY.

✓ **Your tyres last longer.**
Tyres run at 80% of their recommended pressure are likely to only achieve 75% of their intended life. If the pressure falls to 60%, they're likely to achieve just 35% of their potential mileage.

✓ **Your fuel goes further.**
When your tyres are under-inflated by just 20% (around 6psi) 3% more fuel is used, adding further unnecessary expense to your motoring bills.

✓ **You'll have better handling and braking** reducing the risk of being involved in an accident. In 2012, more than 1100 casualties occurred on the UK's roads due to an accident where illegal, defective or under-inflated tyres were a contributory factor.

For more information about the benefits of monthly tyre pressure checks, visit www.tyresafe.org



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