

## **The Importance of Tire Pressure**

Your tires are the only part of your vehicle that actually touches the road when you drive. It only takes a couple of minutes of maintenance each month to keep your tires working at their best.

### **Check Your Air Pressure Once a Month!**

Incorrect air pressure is the leading cause of tire damage and poor fuel economy. To avoid tire damage you need to check your tire's air pressure once a month.

The correct tire pressure is listed on the vehicle placard & can be found in the following places:

- In the car owner's manual
- Under the gas tank lid
- Along the driver's side door edge
- Along the door post

The air pressure listed on the side of your tire is NOT the correct air pressure for your vehicle. That number is the maximum air pressure for the tire. Also remember to check the air in your spare tire.

Don't get stranded or pay costly towing expenses. Check your air pressure on your spare regularly. **Note:** If you have different rims than originally came with your vehicle, make sure that the bolts on your spare tire are the correct fitting.

Failure to keep your tires properly inflated can increase wear and will have a negative effect on your vehicles handling.

When checking and adjusting tire pressure, the following should be kept in mind:

- Check the air pressure when the tire is cold - tires become hot even after driving just a mile. If you must drive to add air, check your air pressure before you leave. Air pressure changes 1-2 pounds for every 10 degrees of temperature change. Air pressure goes up in warm weather and down in cold weather.
- Tire pressure must be the same on the tires of each axle, but may be different on the front and rear axle.
- Valve caps must be tightly closed to protect the valve from dust and dirt and prevent it from leaking.
- Replace missing valve caps without delay.

Take the opportunity today to inspect your tires and make sure there are no outward defects or deformities.