



WHEN DID YOU LAST CHECK YOUR **TYRES?**

Your four tyres are the only physical point of contact between you and the road.

Too often drivers forget about them until something goes wrong and they need to be replaced. This is both dangerous and uneconomical. Keep you and your loved ones safe by regularly looking after your tyres.

DEFECTIVE TYRES ARE A CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR IN APPROXIMATELY 14 DEATHS EVERY YEAR*

INFLATION

Tyres need the correct inflation for the vehicle and its load. Found typically on the B pillar/fuel cap.

PRESSURE

SAFETY – under or over inflated tyres effect grip, handling and braking performance

TYRE WEAR – too soft or hard tyres result in irregular wear of the tread and reduced mileage

FUEL ECONOMY – under inflated tyres cause drag and this increases fuel consumption

DEFECTS

Look for cracks cuts or grazes on the side wall of the tyre. Can lead to internal rust, rapid deflation or a possible blow out.

TREAD DEPTH

Recommended tread depths vary on tyres but you must be within the legal limit of 1.6mm or risk a fine of €80 and up to 4 penalty points upon conviction.

ALIGNMENT

Your wheels need to be aligned and balanced for optimum performance. This will ensure they last longer and will save you money.

* RSA Fatal Collisions: 2008-2012 Report, April 2016

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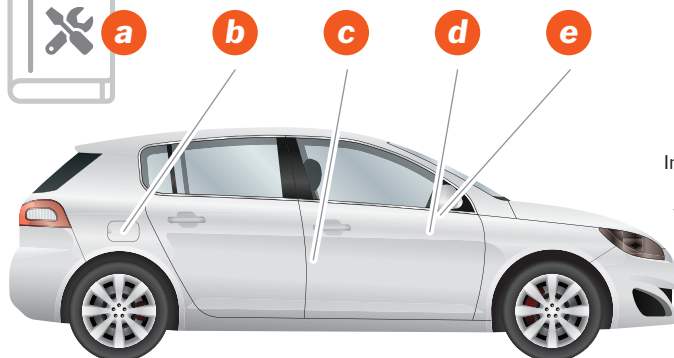


How do I check the tread depth of my tyres?

You can check your tyre tread depth by running a €1 coin along the centre of the wheel, as illustrated. If the gold part of the coin is not visible, then the tyre tread is ok. However, if it is visible your tyre could be approaching the minimum legal depth and you should get them checked. **The minimum permitted tyre tread depth is 1.6mm.** Tyres also have a 'tread wear indicator' block set into them at a depth of 1.6mm. You should check this block to ensure that this indicator is not at the same level as or lower than the tyre tread.



Where to find your vehicle's **recommended tyre pressures**



Inside the car **user manual**

a

Inside the **fuel cover**

b

Inside your **door**

c

In your **glove compartment**

d

The pressure warning light on your **dashboard**

e

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Where can I check my tyres are correct?

The **Irish Tyre Industry Association (ITIA)** offer a list of ITIA certified tyre dealers who will carry out pressure checks and inspect for tread depth, wear and damage.

A registered ITIA dealer is a professional and will provide you with a **FREE Tyre Check**

Don't leave safety to chance. To find your nearest dealer visit www.itia.ie

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