

Insurance 101

Tire Pressure

If you take care of your tires, they'll take care of you. Consider the alternative; there are some 11,000 tire-related crashes each year.¹

Tire care starts with making sure you have the right ones on your car. For example, the type of tires you need varies by the climate you live and drive in. You might check out the National Highway Traffic Association's [Tire Buyer's FAQ](#).

Here are some other car maintenance tips:

Tread carefully. Tires that are worn won't grip the pavement well in wet weather and might cause the car to hydroplane.

Are you in alignment? If your tires are out of alignment, they could wear unevenly, affecting safety. It's a good practice to have alignment checked at least annually by a professional.

Remember to rotate. Rotating tires can prevent unbalanced wear. Check your car manual for suggested frequency.

Keep up the pressure. Underinflated tires can overheat and blow out. Make sure your tires are inflated to recommended levels before taking your car on the road. If you're carrying a spare, you'll want to check that, too.

Here's one last thought: the better your tires' condition, the longer they'll last. You won't need to replace them as often and you'll reduce your fuel consumption, both of which will bring you savings.

¹National Highway Safety Administration