

**NHTSA Consumer Advisory on Tire Safety:**

- Check your Tires for Wear
- Check your Tires' Age including the Spare: 6 –10 years old may need to be replaced even if they have not been used.

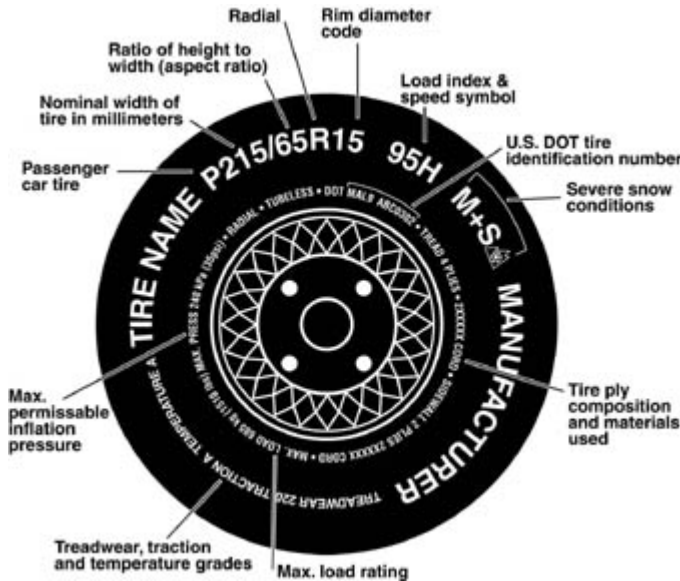
Largely in response to a petition from Safety Research and Strategies, an auto safety research firm, NHTSA issued a Consumer Advisory on June 2, 2008 warning drivers to check their tires (including the spare) for wear and advised that tires 6 to 10 years old may need to be replaced.

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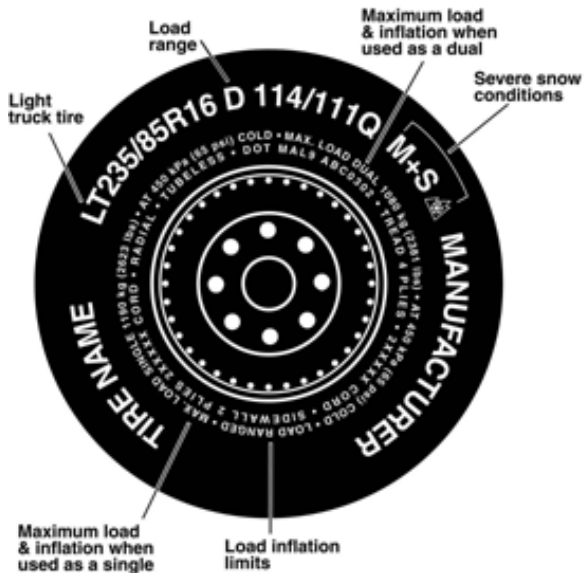
Some safety experts and rubber manufacturers indicate that tires over 6 years old will need to be replaced regardless of use and that all tires older than 10 years will need to be replaced.

To check the age of your tire, find the DOT Number on the sidewall of the tire. The last four numbers represent the week and year the tire was built. For example the numbers 4204 means the 42<sup>nd</sup> week of 2004.

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/rules/TireSafety/ridesonit/images/brochure.pdf>



Passenger Car Tires



Light Truck Tires have additional Information