

A monthly publication filled with industry news, maintenance and safety tips, upcoming events, special coupons, and more!



Changing Your Tire, A Lost Art...

Waiting until you have a flat tire is the wrong time to learn how to change it. Some may have purchased roadside assistance for these occasions, but the wait times can sometimes be an issue. Take the time to figure it out – BEFORE it happens. Always reference your owner’s manual, but here are the basic steps to changing a flat.

Before your next drive, pre-check and locate:

- Owner’s Manual
- Lift Jack
- Lug Nut Wrench (and any special lug nut keys for locking lug nuts)
- Properly Inflated Spare Tire (*Some spares do not require air. Check the maximum driving speed for the spare – they are usually limited.*)

In today’s cars and trucks, these items are stowed away and hidden in the most creative places. Find the Owner’s Manual first – it will help you locate everything else. It will also show you where to

position the Lift Jack where you will not damage your car’s body.

1. If a tire goes flat while driving, find a safe location to pull over on a solid level surface away from traffic (parking lots are best).
2. Turn on your hazard lights and apply your parking brake. Use wheel wedges if available to help keep the car from accidentally rolling.
3. Place out any flares or reflective signs for safety.
4. Gather the manual, jack, lug wrench, and spare tire from the car.
5. While the car is on the ground, remove any wheel covers and just **BREAK LOOSE** the lug nuts. **DO NOT REMOVE LUG NUTS YET.**
6. Place the Lift Jack in the recommended location and lift the car so that the tire is clear enough from the ground to be easily removed.
7. Remove the lug nuts and the flat tire.
8. Install the spare tire and hand tighten the lug nuts as far as you can tighten them.



NEVER use the wrench while the car is lifted off the ground.



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9. Carefully lower the car back onto the ground.
10. Using the lug wrench, fully tighten each lug nut in a star pattern until all lug nuts are secured and carefully replace any wheel covers. You do not want to lose these while driving.
11. Properly re-stow and secure all the equipment.
12. Take your flat tire to a professional to either repair or replace. Make sure the spare is properly re-stowed.
13. If driving on the spare longer than expected, it is a good idea to check and re-tighten the lug nuts as needed. Remember, spare tires are a temporary solution.

If you have kids driving, it is always a good idea to go over this with them BEFORE they get a flat tire.

Think about adding gloves, wipes, reflective warning signs, and printed directions to your vehicle to complete your tire changing inventory!



Car Safety Tip of the Month!

Wipers & Wiper Fluid!

Not a bad time to check those windshield wipers – BEFORE you really need

them... The roads can also be a mess this time of year and you have probably been using quite a bit of your windshield washer fluid. Don't forget to check and refill it BEFORE you run out!



Don't forget Valentine's Day!

Tuesday, Feb 14th

Did You Know?

African elephants only have 4 teeth.

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Men are struck by lightning 7 times more than women.

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The Atlantic Ocean is saltier than the Pacific Ocean.

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The first train reached a speed of just 5 mph.

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It takes up to 2 hours to hard boil an ostrich egg.

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More than 75% of all countries are north of the equator.

See page 3 for this month's special deal!

February



Just For Your Special Valentine!



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