



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW: TIRE WEAR AND ROTATION AS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Regular tire inspection should be considered as standard preventative maintenance. Inspect for irregular tire wear and possible alignment issues before they become a major repair. Never delay a tire replacement and always put safety first.

DIAGNOSTIC TIPS FOR TREAD WEAR PATTERNS:

TOE WEAR



Feathered inner or outer tread wear:

- Check vehicle alignment

CAMBER WEAR



Smooth uneven inner or outer tread wear:

- Check vehicle alignment

CENTER WEAR



Thinning center tire tread wear:

- Check for possible over-inflation

EDGE WEAR



Thinning inner and outer tread wear:

- Check for possible under-inflation

PATCH WEAR



Patchy tread wear or flat spots:

- Check wheel balance

CUPPING WEAR



Diagonal "scalloped" tread wear:

- Inspect/replace bent/out-of-spec suspension, steering and/or wheel end components
- Check vehicle alignment



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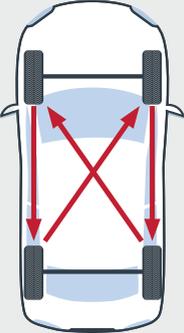
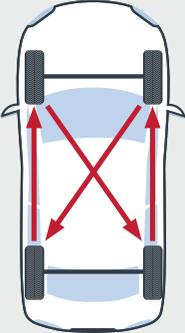
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TIRE ROTATION

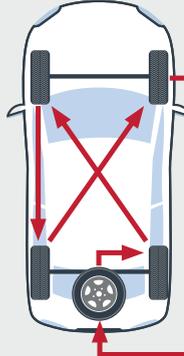
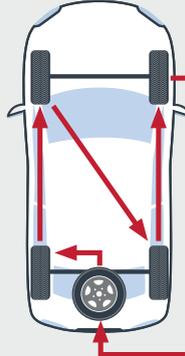
Rotating the position of tires on a vehicle equalizes natural wear patterns and is an opportunity to inspect for irregular tire wear and possible alignment issues.

Rotation patterns depend on varying factors: directional or nondirectional tires, staggered fitment, a full or mini-sized spare and if the vehicle is front-wheel, rear-wheel or all-wheel drive. The below outlines common nondirectional tire rotation patterns but ensure to verify the factory service manual for vehicle specific information. This is especially important if the vehicle features a staggered setup or directional tires.

NON-DIRECTIONAL PATTERNS

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NON-DIRECTIONAL WITH SPARE

<p style="text-align: center;">FRONT</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Forward Cross Front-wheel drive vehicles with full-size matching spare</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FRONT</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Rearward Cross Rear and four-wheel drive vehicles with full-size matching spare</p>
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