



Keep tire safety in mind this winter

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According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the leading cause of death during winter storms is transportation accidents. You can mitigate this risk by inspecting your fleet vehicles' tires to ensure that they are:

- Appropriate for winter weather conditions
- Possess sufficient tread to provide adequate traction for your drivers

There are two primary considerations regarding tire traction issues that are helpful to understand:

- **Tire wear**
As tires wear, they are subject to intense road heat from pavement and friction. Over a period of time, tires begin to harden. The harder the tire becomes, the less it tends to grip the road and provide adequate traction. Traction issues are typically noticed between 4/32" and 6/32" of tread thickness. Tires are considered worn out at 2/32" tread thickness.
- **Groove/sipe depth**
As a tire wears, the loss of groove/sipe depth influences the ability to dissipate water or slush from under the tires. This becomes more noticeable to a driver well before the tires are considered worn out at a 2/32" tread thickness.

As winter begins, we urge you to keep the safety of your fleet vehicles' tires in mind. To ensure that tires are appropriate and providing adequate traction, have them inspected at your local [Firestone](#) or [Goodyear](#) dealer today.