

Tire Inspection Checklist: Light Vehicle Owner and Tech

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Vehicle and inspector	
DATE	INSPECTOR NAME
ROLE	YEAR
MAKE	MODEL
VIN	LICENSE PLATE
ODOMETER MILES	UNIT / STOCK NUMBER
VEHICLE CLASS	PLACARD TIRE SIZE (FRONT)
PLACARD TIRE SIZE (REAR)	PLACARD COLD PSI (FRONT)
PLACARD COLD PSI (REAR)	SPARE OR INFLATOR
MEASURED COLD (NOT DRIVEN AT LEAST 3 HOURS)	

Inflation vs door placard				
Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Left front inflation vs placard	☐	☐	☐	
Right front inflation vs placard	☐	☐	☐	
Left rear inflation vs placard	☐	☐	☐	
Right rear inflation vs placard	☐	☐	☐	
Spare inflation vs placard	☐	☐	☐	
Cold reading confirmed	☐	☐	☐	
Not using sidewall maximum as the set point	☐	☐	☐	
Front and rear split matches the placard	☐	☐	☐	
Valve stems and caps	☐	☐	☐	
No flat tire or audible leak	☐	☐	☐	

Tread depth and wear bars				
Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Left front tread and wear bars	☐	☐	☐	

Right front tread and wear bars	☐	☐	☐	_____
Left rear tread and wear bars	☐	☐	☐	_____
Right rear tread and wear bars	☐	☐	☐	_____
Spare tread (if a tire is fitted)	☐	☐	☐	_____
Wear-bar method (two grooves, three locations)	☐	☐	☐	_____
Penny test if no tread gauge	☐	☐	☐	_____
Wear pattern across the tread	☐	☐	☐	_____
Duals match if equipped	☐	☐	☐	_____

Sidewall, bulge, cords, and cuts

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Left front sidewall, bulge, cords, cuts	☐	☐	☐	_____
Right front sidewall, bulge, cords, cuts	☐	☐	☐	_____
Left rear sidewall, bulge, cords, cuts	☐	☐	☐	_____
Right rear sidewall, bulge, cords, cuts	☐	☐	☐	_____
Spare carcass (if a tire is fitted)	☐	☐	☐	_____
Chunking, bumps, knots, or bulges	☐	☐	☐	_____
Cuts and abrasions: cords not exposed	☐	☐	☐	_____
Sidewall cracks and weather checking	☐	☐	☐	_____
Visible puncture or sidewall repair	☐	☐	☐	_____

DOT age, match, load, and speed

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
DOT TIN readable on each road tire	☐	☐	☐	_____
DOT week and year (last four digits)	☐	☐	☐	_____
Age vs manufacturer 6 to 10 year guidance	☐	☐	☐	_____
Spare age (if a tire is fitted)	☐	☐	☐	_____
Size match on each axle	☐	☐	☐	_____
Size vs the placard	☐	☐	☐	_____
Construction and profile match on the axle	☐	☐	☐	_____
Load index and speed rating vs OEM	☐	☐	☐	_____
Staggered sizes (if equipped)	☐	☐	☐	_____

Spare, TPMS, lugs, and rotation

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Spare tire or inflator kit present	☐	☐	☐	
Spare not used as a worn-tire replacement	☐	☐	☐	
Compact spare OEM limits	☐	☐	☐	
Inflator kit complete (if no spare)	☐	☐	☐	
TPMS warning lamp	☐	☐	☐	
TPMS is not a substitute for the gauge	☐	☐	☐	
TPMS malfunction indication	☐	☐	☐	
Wheel nuts or bolts present and tight	☐	☐	☐	
Lug torque if wheels were recently off	☐	☐	☐	
Wheel and rim condition	☐	☐	☐	
Rotation due per the OEM, not an invented interval	☐	☐	☐	

Defects and sign-off

DEFECTS FOUND

NEXT ACTION

☐ Tires are in serviceable condition for intended use

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE

TIME SIGNED

OWNER / CUSTOMER SIGNATURE

NOTES

Reference only. Verify against the vehicle OEM procedure and applicable regulations.