

How old are your tyres?

**WARNING!
AGEING TYRES
CAN BE DANGEROUS**



The British Association of Rubber Manufacturers, and all the major tyre manufacturers, recommend that you should not use a tyre that is more than ten years old.

Tyre ageing is not just a process you can see (sidewall cracking etc.), it goes much deeper with the steel belts and cord plies of the tyre's construction gradually breaking down over time. The results? Anything from a persistent flat to catastrophic, high-speed failure.

*How old are your car's tyres?
You might be surprised....*



2000 to present

The date code is four digits long. The first two digits represent the week of production, and the second two represent the year. The tyre in the picture was made in the thirteenth week of 2011.



1990 - 1999

The date code is three digits long. For the Nineties this was followed by a triangle. The first two digits represent the week of production, the third digit represents the year. The tyre in the picture was made in the first week of 1996 (note the small triangle on the right).



1980 - 1989

The three-digit code was also used in the Eighties, but without the triangle. The format is otherwise exactly the same as the later system. So, the tyre in the picture was made in the seventh week of 1981.

Before 1980

If your tyre doesn't have any of the markings above, it was made before 1980 and should be replaced as a matter of course.

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