

## Fact Sheet

# Looking after your tyres.

The condition of your tyres has a significant impact on your vehicle's performance, fuel efficiency and your safety.



This fact sheet offers some straightforward guidance on tyre maintenance to help you ensure they remain in good condition, legal and safe.

## What's the law on tyre tread depth?

The minimum legal tread depth for a car tyre is 1.6mm. This depth must be maintained across the central  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the breadth of tread in a continuous band around the full circumference of the tyre.

At Lex Autolease, we recommend a tread depth of no less than 2mm and change tyres when they reach this level to maintain driver safety and vehicle performance.

## What are the penalties?

Using a vehicle on the road that has defective tyres can result in:

- A fine up to £2,500 per tyre.
- Three penalty points on your licence.

## Tyre wear: What to look out for.

### Under inflation.

Causes wear on the outer edge of the tyre.

### Over inflation.

Causes increase wear on the centre.

### Front wheel misalignment.

Causes uneven wear on one side.

### Wheel camber.

Causes sloping wear on the outer edge.

### Normal wear.

Tread pattern is even and consistent across the full width of the tyre.

## Tyre safety: What to be aware of

### Braking distance.

Will be increased and particularly noticeable in wet road conditions.

### Vehicle handling.

Will be worsened and become noticeable when cornering.

### Overheating.

If tyre pressures are incorrect, tyres will overheat, leading to poor handling.

We recommend regular checks of tyre condition and pressure in line with your manufacturers recommendations to prolong the life of your tyres and improve vehicle safety.

To find out more

Call:

**Tyre line\***  
**0800 028 2848**

Or

**Driver support team**  
**0844 824 0736**

\*Subject to contractual agreement type.