

Tire Servicing

Tire tread wear

Tires should be replaced when center tread depth is worn to the following limits:

Min. Recommend Tire Center Tread Depth	
Front:	1.5 mm (1/16 in.)
Rear:	2.0 mm (3/32 in.)

WARNING:

Operation with excessively worn tires is very hazardous and will adversely affect traction, stability, and handling.

Tire damage

Replace damaged tires. Do not patch or vulcanize a tire casing.

We recommend that punctured inner tubes be replaced. Inner tubes should be patched only in emergency situations when replacement tubes are not available.

If replacing an inner tube, be certain to select the correct size for the tire casing. Be certain to locate and eliminate the cause of damage before reassembling the tire and tube on the wheel.

WARNING:

Patching may adversely affect wheel balance. Also, a poorly bonded patch may cause subsequent tire deflation.

Tire removal and installation

- a. Remove the wheel assembly as described in Front or Rear Wheel Removal, pages 85–88.
- b. Lay wheel assembly on a rag or cardboard to prevent damage to disc.
- c. Remove valve core and valve stem retaining nuts. Locate and remove any sharp objects imbedded in the tire.
- d. Step on tire casing to break it free from the rim. Repeat on the opposite side.