

Practise Safe Checks

HOW OFTEN DO YOU DO IT?



The 20p tread depth test

Do it every month


TyreSafe

CHECK YOUR TYRES EVERY MONTH WITH THIS SIMPLE TEST.

Using a 20 pence piece you can quickly and easily check whether your tyre tread depths are safe and legal. This keeps you and your passengers safe on the roads.

Your tyres' condition is critical for acceleration, braking, steering and cornering and as the driver, you are responsible for making sure tyres are legal and roadworthy.

Failure to comply with the legal minimum standards can result in fines of up to £2,500 and 3 penalty points – for each illegal tyre. UK law requires car tyres to have a minimum of 1.6mm of tread across the central three quarters of the tyre around its entire circumference.



Simply place a 20p coin into the main tread grooves of your tyre.

If the outer band of the 20p coin is obscured when it is inserted, then your tread depth is above the legal limit.



If the outer band of the coin is visible, then your tyres may be illegal and unsafe and should be checked immediately by a qualified tyre professional.

When taking the test, remember to check at least three locations around each tyre. As the test is so quick and easy, stay safe by checking your tyres at least once a month.