



## CORRECT TYRE PRESSURES

**“Having not checked my tyre pressures in well over a month and having forgotten what they should be, I pulled out my car’s manual. And for once in my life I actually read the whole spiel on tyres and nearly fell over backwards when it said you should check your pressures weekly!!!! So why are your pressures so important?”** Extract from a letter received.

The correct tyre pressures on your vehicle are of paramount importance for safety on the road, you will also maximise your fuel economy and increase the mileage of your tyres.

A tyre under inflated will wear more on the edges and a tyre with too much pressure will wear down the centre of the tread. It is said that if the tyre is 8psi down the life of the tyre will be reduced by 20% which could be up to 5000 miles less. Even less pressure can cause handling and grip of the car to alter, it will cause you increased breaking distance in the wet and obviously your fuel consumption will increase.

You must be very careful if you have run your tyre under inflated as it may have caused unseen damage to your tyre. Danger signs on the outside of the tyre may include a circular wear mark all the way round the side wall of the tyre. Also if the tyre was very hot when under inflated you may find the side wall looks warped and the colour will have changed. All this will mean the cords in the tyre have been damaged beyond repair, and a new tyre is required.

When checking your tyre pressures it’s best to do so from cold, however if you cant and you have driven for a while then it is recommended that you increase the pressure by 4-5psi on top of the recommended cold pressure, and then re-check your pressures next time they are cold.

Yet again please be aware that this is only our opinion. Please write in with your questions to T.W. Tyres, 11 Paynes Lane, Rugby, CV21 2UH, or email us on [info@twtyres.com](mailto:info@twtyres.com). We are open Monday to Friday 8am till 5.30pm and Saturday is 8am till 3pm. For tyres, exhausts, batteries and motorbike enquiries please call us on 542292. For servicing, repairs and car MOTs you can contact us on 544339.