



How to Buy Tires

1. Know the tire size before you call.
2. Qualify yourself by answering these simple questions:
 - How long will I keep the car? (years/miles)
 - Where will I do most of my driving? (city/highway)
 - How important is traction vs. performance?
 - How important is comfort vs. performance?
3. Ask about warranties-- This is the most critical issue when buying tires.
4. Get the total price for all of the following when you ask for a quote:
 - A. **Mounting**- Mounting refers to installing the tire onto the rim of the vehicle. It is important with the new style rims (expensive) that the tire company has the proper equipment to avoid damaging the tire or rim.
 - B. **Balancing**- Balancing eliminates vibration and ride disturbance and compensates for imperfections in tire and wheel manufacturing. It is critical.
 - C. **New Valve Stems**- These are the rubber valves in the rims which allow tire inflation. They get oxidized and brittle with age and should be replaced whenever new tires are installed. This avoids the risk of the stem breaking or leaking and possibly ruining a tire.
 - D. **Road Hazard/Service Warranty**- Most tire manufacturers cover defects in workmanship and materials but nothing else. Unfortunately, that is not why tires fail. They fail from road hazards, a nasty little term used to describe the horrors of the road, including: chuck holes, nails, glass, etc. A road hazard or service warranty will cover you in these instances.
 - E. **Tire Disposal**- This covers the cost of recycling or disposal of the tires. Walker Tire tries to recycle as many tires as possible.
 - F. **New Tire Tax**- blame Uncle Sam for this one. There is a fee of \$1 for every new tire sold in Nebraska.
 - G. **Alignment Check**- This is crucial!!!! Walker Tire will perform a complimentary alignment check with most new passenger or light truck tire purchases.
 - H. **Air**- As many things as our competitors add on to their prices, they may even charge for air. Air is always FREE at Walker Tire.

