

## How to check tire pressure

Due to regular wear and daily driving your tires can lose up to 1psi every month. It's important to check your tire pressure on a regular basis and before any long road trips. (Don't forget to check your spare tire while you're at it).

1. Purchase a tire pressure gauge based on your need for accuracy, value-added features and budget.
2. Perform a "cold reading" on your tires; i.e. before you've driven or at least 2-3 hours after you've driven and parked with the engine off (warmer temps need a longer cooling off period than cold weather).
3. Insert tire pressure gauge into the valve stem on your tire. Use a firm touch to prevent air leakage (the hissing noise will indicate if air is escaping or if you have a tight seal, the amount of air that is released while checking using your tire gauge shouldn't affect pressure, unless it continues for too long).
4. Refer to your owner's manual for correct pressure instructions. Compare the measured psi to the psi found on the sticker inside the driver's door of your vehicle or in the owner's manual. The pressure recommended by the manufacturer of your car is ideal for your vehicle. It's best not to use the guide printed on the sidewall of your tires as it isn't specific to your vehicle.
5. If using a pencil-style tire gauge, the gauge will pop out and show a measured number.
6. If your psi reading is higher than the recommended psi double check and do a second reading. If it still reads too high use the bleed valve on the gauge to let air out of your tire until the reading matches the recommended psi.
7. If your psi reading is lower than the recommended amount, double check and do a second reading. If it still reads too low, add air until it reaches the proper number.

