Frequently Asked Tire Questions

1. What are the regulatory requirements for tires?
   ✓ The front tires on a truck, or truck tractor must have a tread depth of at least 4/32 inch when measured on any point on a major axis.
   ✓ All other tires must have a minimum tread depth of 2/32 inch.
   ✓ On trucks and truck tractors, no regrooved tires shall be used on front wheels having a load carrying capacity equal to or greater than that of 8.25–20 8 ply-rating tires.
   ✓ No vehicle shall be operated on a tire which has a cold inflation pressure less than that specified for the load being carried.

2. When do I have to stop for tire checks?
   ✓ The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) amended the tire-check rule in a final rule issued October 4, 2002. As of November 4, 2002, tire checks are now only required at the beginning of each trip and each time the vehicle is parked.

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