K + M Tire TIRE PRODUCT KNOWLEDGE "Just the Facts!"



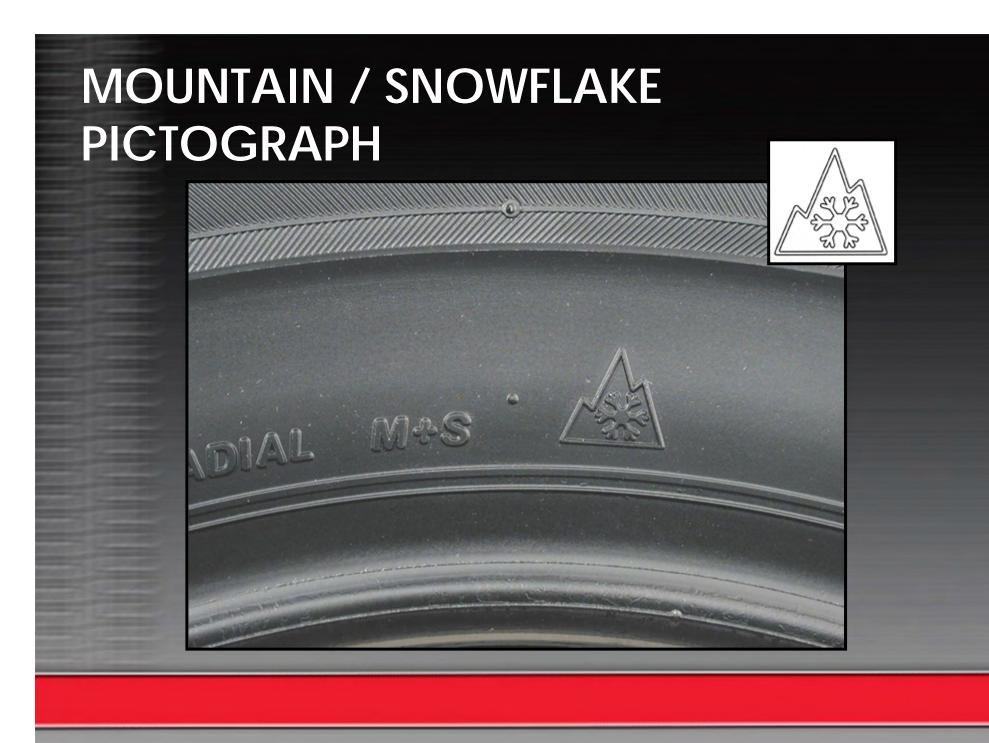
- Carry the Vehicle's Weight and Load
- Transmit Acceleration Forces
- Transmit Braking Forces
- Transmit Cornering Forces
- Cushion Road Irregularities
- Provide Durability

# TIRE SPECIFICATIONS

POTENZA RE960AS POLE POSITION TIRE SPECIFICATIONS													
Tire Size and Service Description	Load Article Range Number	Sidewall Styling	Approved Rim Widths	Measuring Rim Width	Overall Tire Diameter	Overall Section Width	Tread Width	Tread Depth (32nd)	Static Loaded Radius	Revs Per Mile			
65 Series													
185/65R15 88H	049-224	BW	5.0-6.5	5.5	24.4	7.4	5.9	11	11.1	854			
195/65R15_91H	049-241	BW	5.5-7.0	6.0	25.0	7.9	6.2	11	11.4	833			
205/65R15 94H	049-258	BW	5.5-7.5	6.0	25.5	8.2	6.6	11	11.6	817			
60 Series													
185/60R14 82H	049-173	BW	5.0-6.5	5.5	22.8	7.4	5.9	11	10.4	914			
195/60R14 86H	049-207	BW	5.5-7.0	6.0	23.2	7.8	6.2	11	10.6	898			
195/60R15 88H	049-275	BW	5.5-7.0	6.0	24.2	7.8	6.2	11	11.1	861			
205/60R15 91H	049-292	BW	5.5-7.5	6.0	24.7	8.1	6.6	11	11.3	843			
215/60R15 94H	049-309	BW	6.0-7.5	6.5	25.2	8.6	6.9	11	11.5	827			
225/60R16 98W	049-326	BW	6.0-8.0	6.5	26.6	8.9	7.2	11	12.1	783			
55 Series													

# ALL-SEASON TREAD DESIGN M+S DESIGNATION





# **SAFETY WARNING**



# **Asymmetric Tread Design**

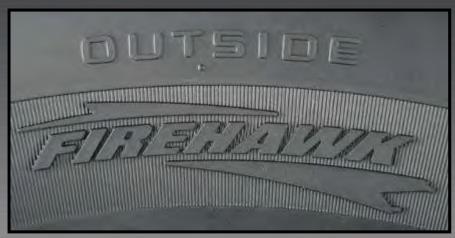


# ASYMMETRIC TREAD MOUNTAING INSTRUCTIONS

Inside



Outside



# **Directional Tread Design**



# **DIRECTION OF TIRE ROTATION**

# Two Examples of What to Look For





# EXTRA LOAD IDENTIFICATION



#### **EXTRA LOAD**



MAX LOAD 990 kg (2183) LBS AT 340 kPa (50 PSI) MAX. PRESS.

# UNIFORM TIRE QUALITY GRADING (UTQG)



# Examples of UTQG on Sidewall

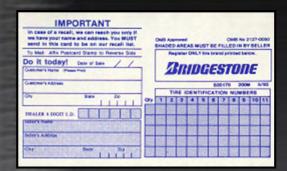
- Treadwear
- Traction
- Temperature



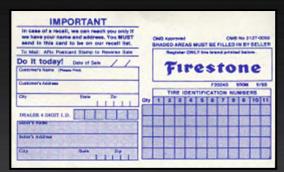
#### INTERPRETING UTQG RATINGS

- Assigned by Manufacturers; They're NOT Assigned by the Government
- Use Only to Compare Same Brand Tires of Same Construction Type
- Treadwear Ratings Are Not Mileage Guarantees or Even Tire Life Predictions
- Cannot Compare Brands on Basis of UTQG Ratings
- UTQG Ratings Alone Are Not Indicators of a Tire's Overall Quality and Safety

## TIRE REGISTRATION



Bridgestone
Item # B20178



Firestone Item # F20243

Associate Brands
Item # 815-2238

Shaded Areas Must

Be Filled In By Seller

MPORTANT

to be on our recall list.

ou only if we have your name and cidness. You must send in this card

Do it today.

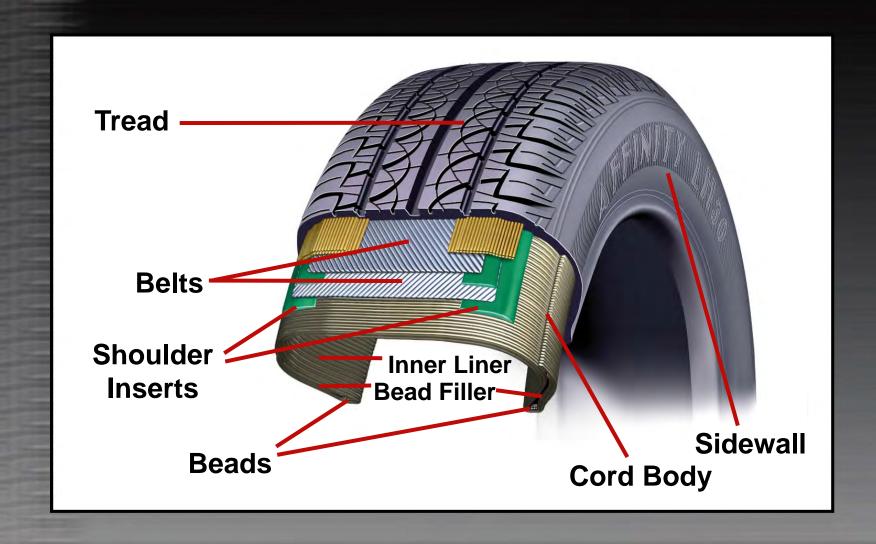
#### Mail to:

Bridgestone/Firestone Registration Center
C/O CIMS Tire Registration Center
P. O. Box 3636
Akron, Ohio 44309-3636

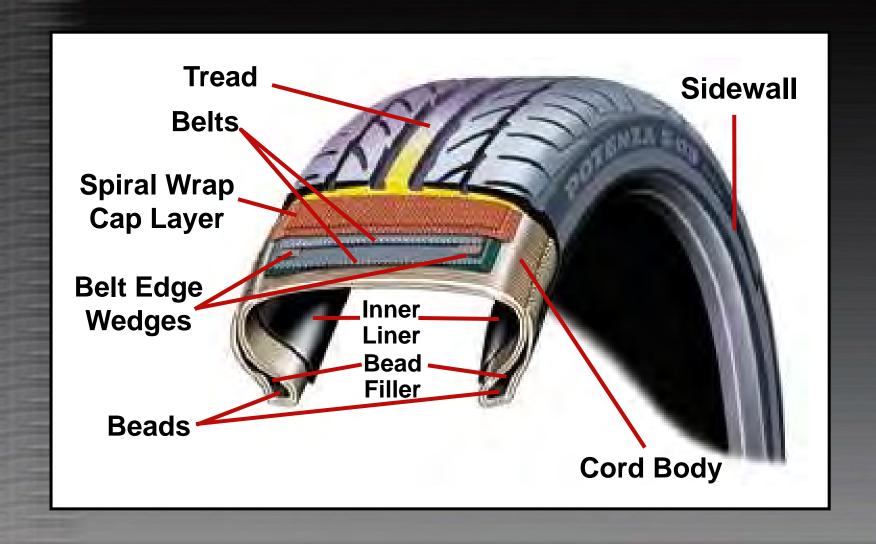
# PRODUCT CATEGORIES: PASSENGER VEHICLES

- Passenger
  - Economy
  - Mass Market
  - Premium Mass Market
- Touring
- Performance
  - Performance
  - High Performance
  - Ultra-High Performance

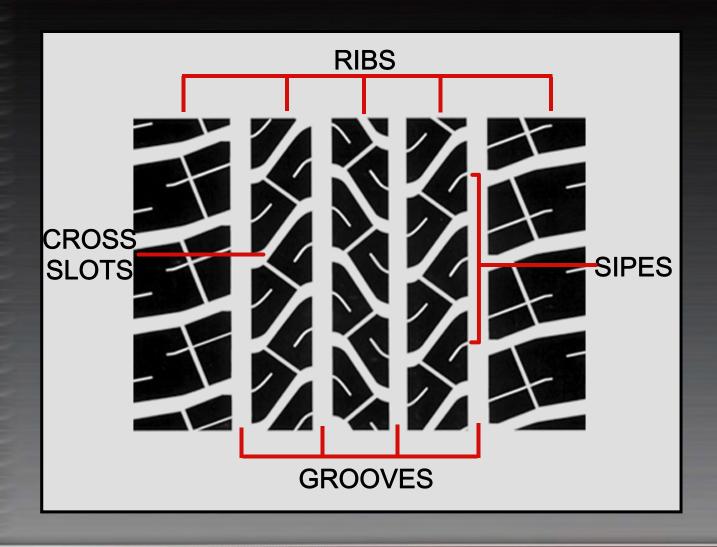
# PARTS OF A TIRE



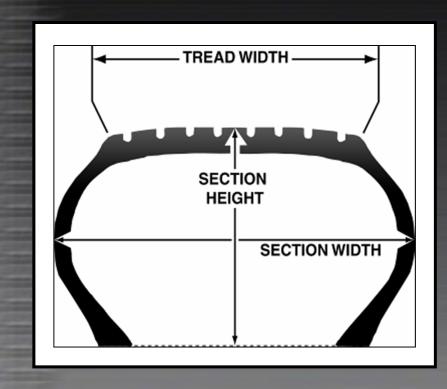
# PARTS OF A PERFORMANCE TIRE

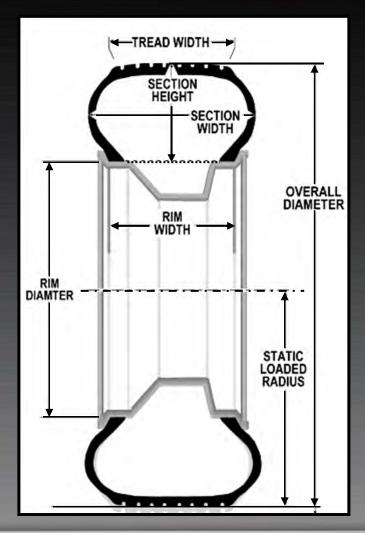


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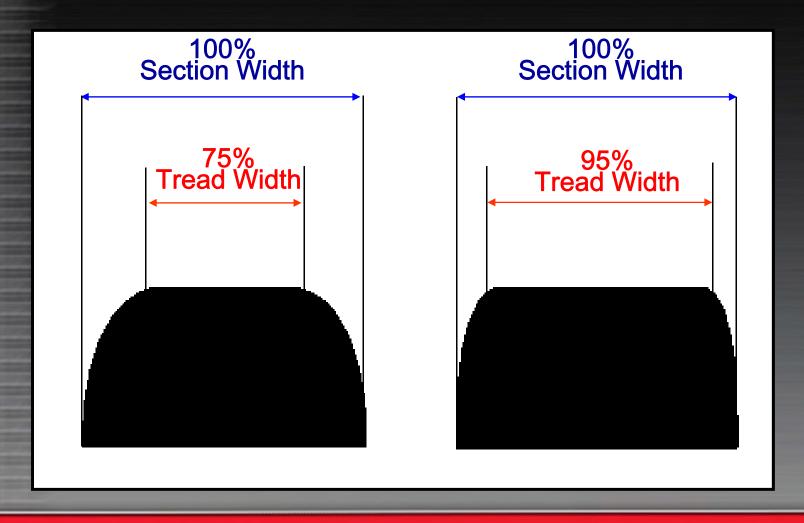


# TIRE DIMENSIONS





# TREAD-WIDTH TO SECTION-WIDTH RATIO





# Sizing System Examples:

- P-Metric
  - P225/60R16 97S
- Euro-Metric
  - 225/60R16 97S

# P-METRIC SIZE

P "Passenger" Tire

225 Section Width in Millimeters

60 Aspect Ratio

R Radial

16 Rim Diameter in Inches

97 Load Index

S Speed Rating

# **EURO-METRIC SIZE**

Section Width in Millimeters

60 Aspect Ratio

R Type of Construction

16 Rim Diameter in Inches

97 Load Index

S Speed Rating

# INFLATION PRESSURE AND TIRE LOAD CAPACITY

# LOAD RANGE AND INFLATION LIMITS

Type of Sizing System	Load Designation	Max. Permissible Inflation Pressure Marking	Corresponding Maximum Load Carrying Capacity @
P-Metric	"LL" Light Load	35, 44 or 51 p.s.i.	35 p.s.i.
P-Metric	"SL" Standard Load	35, 44 or 51 p.s.i.	35 p.s.i.
P-Metric	"XL" Extra Load	41 or 50 p.s.i.	41 p.s.i.

# LOAD RANGE AND INFLATION LIMITS

Type of Sizing System	Load Designation	Max. Permissible Inflation Pressure Marking	Corresponding Maximum Load Carrying Capacity @
Euro- Metric	Standard	32 p.s.i.	32 p.s.i.
Euro- Metric	Standard	36 or 44 p.s.i.	36 p.s.i.
Euro- Metric	"Reinforced"	51 p.s.i.	42 p.s.i.

# LOAD INDEX CHART

	LI	lbs	LI	lbs	LI	lbs	LI	lbs
	0	99	83	1074	99	1709	115	2679
	1	102	84	1102	100	1764	1162	756
			85	1135	101	1819	1172	833
1	<b>70</b>	739	86	1168	102	1874	1182	910
	71	761	87	1202	103	1929	1192	998
	<b>72</b>	783	88	1235	104	1984	120	3086
	<b>73</b>	805	89	1279	105	2039	121	3197
	74	827	90	1323	106	2094	122	3307
	<b>75</b>	853	91	1356	107	2149	123	3417
	<b>76</b>	882	92	1389	108	2205	124	3527
	<b>77</b>	908	93	1433	109	2271	125	3638
	<b>78</b>	937	94	1477	110	2337		
	<b>79</b>	963	95	1521	11124	03	276	275575
	80	992	96	1565	112	2469	277	283291
	81	1019	97	1609	113	2535	278	291007
	82	1047	98	1653	114	2601	279	299826

# LOAD AND INFLATION TABLE

#### LOAD and INFLATION TABLE FOR PASSENGER CARS 17" Rim Diameter 45 Series Load

Index

Euro-Metric

205/45R17 (SL)

205/45R17 (XL)

215/45R17 (SL)

215/45R17 (SL)

225/45R17 (SL)

225/45R17 (SL)

P-Metric

P215/45R17 (SL)

P225/45R17 /LLI

P225/45R17 (SL)

	Tire	Load L	imits i	n Pour	ids (lbs	.) at V	arious	Cold I	nflation	Pressi	ures in	Pound	s Per S	Square	Inch (p	osi)		
For Light Load and Standard Load Tires									For Extra Load and Reinforced Tires									
27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	35 - 51 Note A	(0.50 (Sept.)	38	37	38	39	40	41	41 - 50 Note C	42 - 51 Note D
871	882	926	959	970	992	1036	1047	1089		1102								
860	882	915	959	970	992	1025	1036	1058	7		1091	1113	1135	1168	1190	1201		1235
1022	1047	1067	1089	1111	1135	1172	1208		1201									
948	970	1003	1047	1058	1080	1124	1135	1157		1201								
970	992	1036	1069	1080	1113	1157	1168	1190		1235								
988	1006	1025	1039	1054	1069	1080	1091		1102									
1124	1149	1175	1200	1225	1250	1274	1299		1323					-				
1036	1058	1102	1146	1157	1190	1235	1257	1279		1323	-11							

# TIRE MAINTENANCE FACTS

- One Pound of Under-Inflation Costs Consumers 2-3 Miles of Gas per Gallon
  - This Wastes 4 Million Gallons of Gas per Day Nationwide
  - Tire Life Is Reduced by 15%
  - More Than Half of the Vehicles in the USA Have Tires That Are Under-Inflated

Source: US Department of Energy

# TIRE MAINTENANCE FACTS

- Nearly 90% of All Drivers Never Check Their Tire Pressure
  - 66% of All Drivers Do Not Even Know Where to Find the Proper Pressure for Their Vehicle

Source: Rubber Manufacturer's Survey

# INFLATION PRESSURE

#### **Overinflation Can Result in:**

- Decreased Traction
- Reduced Bruise Resistance
- Premature Wear of Suspension Components
- ✓ Over-Inflated Tires Will Show Premature Tire Wear at the Center of the Tread

## INFLATION PRESSURE

## **Underinflation Can Results in:**

- Sluggish Tire Response
- Decreased Fuel Economy
- Excessive Heat Buildup
- Tire Overload
- ✓ Under-Inflation of 5 p.s.i. Can Reduce Tire Life by 25% and Decrease Fuel Efficiency by 2.5%
- Under-Inflated Tires Will Show Premature Tire Wear on Both Outside Shoulders

#### **SUMMARY:**

- Tire Inflation Pressure Carries the Load, but Is Reduced with Time and Temperature
- Tire Pressure Should Be Checked at Least ONCE a MONTH, BEFORE Long Trips and When Carrying Extra Weight
- Tires Will Loose ONE (1) POUND of Pressure for Every 10 Change (+ / -) in Ambient Temperature

## **SUMMARY:**

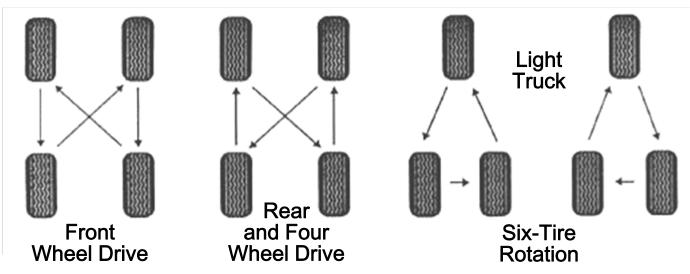
- You Can Usually Find the Correct Inflation Pressure for O.E. Tires on a Sticker on the Driver's Side Door Jamb, in the Glove Compartment, or in the Vehicle Owner's Manual
- Check the Pressure with a Reliable Tire Gauge When the Tire Is COLD (When the Vehicle Has Been Driven Less Than 1 Mile or Has Not Been Moved for 3 Hours)

## TIRE ROTATION

#### Wear Patterns:

- Front Tires Wear Faster at Both Shoulders
- Rear Tires Wear Faster in Center Tread Area

The Following Rotation Patterns Are Normally Recommended for Radial Tires. Some Exceptions to These Patterns May Exist.



Tires Should Be Rotated on a Regular Basis to Even Out Wear Rate!

# **SPEED RATINGS**

# Speed Ratings Give an Indication of a Tire's Performance

# SERVICE DESCRIPTION

P225/60R16 975

97 = Load Index

S = Speed Rating

# **SPEED RATINGS**

Q - *Up to 99 mph* 

R - *Up to 106 mph* 

S - *Up to 112 mph* 

T - *Up to 118 mph* 

U - *Up to 124 mph* 

H - Up to 130 mph

V - *Up to 149 mph* 

Z - *Over 149 mph* 

W - *Up to 168 mph* 

Y - *Up to 186 mph* 

# IMPORTANT

Inflate All Tires to Manufacturer's Recommended Inflation Pressure AND Hand Torque Lug Nuts to Manufacturer's Recommended Specifications

# THANK YOU!