5-MINUTE TIRE CHECK

Safer driving, better gas mileage, and you can fill up for free.

YOUR CAR'S TIRE PRESSURE

Find it on the sticker inside the **driver's door** (or in the owner's manual). Don't use the number on the tire itself. That's the most the tire can hold, not what your car needs.

Front _____ **PSI**

Rear _____ **PSI**

1 WHEN TO CHECK

- **Once a month**, even if the tires look fine.
- **Before a long trip** or a heavy load.
- **When it gets cold.** Tires lose about 1 PSI for every 10°F drop.
- **When the tire pressure light** comes on.

Check when tires are cold: before driving, or after the car has been parked a few hours.

2 FILL UP AT AN AIR MACHINE

1. Park so the hose reaches every tire.
2. Unscrew the valve cap. Put it in your pocket.
3. Press the nozzle straight onto the valve until the hissing stops.
4. Add air in short bursts, then check the gauge.
5. Too much? Press the pin in the valve to let some out.
6. Put the cap back on. Repeat on every tire.

Some machines let you set your PSI and stop on their own.

3 WHILE YOU'RE THERE

- Look for nails, cuts or bulges in the sides.
- **Penny test:** put a penny in the tread, Lincoln's head down. If you can see all of his head, it's time for new tires.
- Check the spare too, if your car has one.

4 LIGHT STILL ON?

- On most cars the light goes off after a few minutes of driving once the tires are filled.
- If it stays on, or flashes, have a tire shop look at it. Many check tire pressure for free.
- A tire that keeps losing air may have a slow leak.

FIND FREE AIR NEAR YOU

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