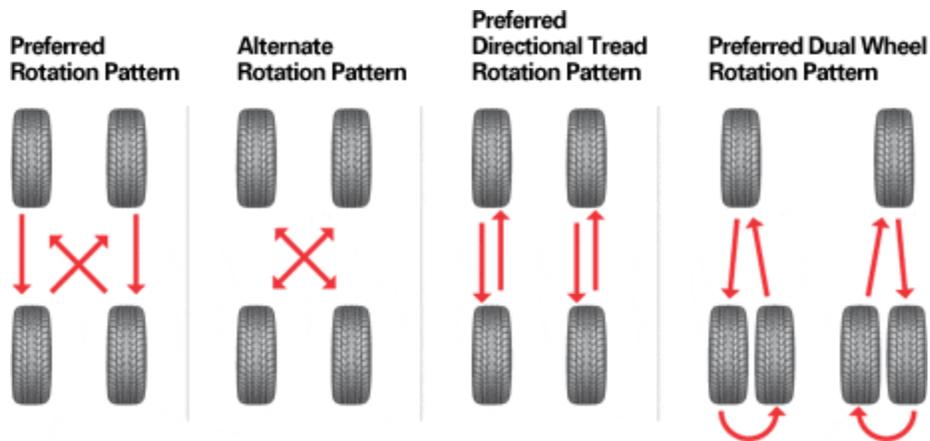


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Tire Rotation

An integral part of tire maintenance is periodic tire rotation. The reason behind this statement is that by rotating your tires it ensures even wear on all four of the vehicles tires. When in doubt how often a rotation should be done a good rule of thumb is to do so at least every 6,000 miles. Below are some examples of patterns we suggest to have them rotated in. Please note that though this is a good rule to follow you should see to getting a rotation right away if you ever notice an uneven wear and ride. Being Tire Professionals here at Plains Tire Co we can readily diagnose what is causing the uneven wear. It also good to keep in mind that poor road conditions such as pot holes when struck with great force can disrupt alignment which then causes uneven tire wear.



When getting a rotation we urge that you do not include your temporary spare tire. They are meant only for emergency use only. However it is a good opportunity when getting a rotation to have your spare tire checked for proper air pressure (since this unit typically requires a much higher air pressure vs. other tires it may fail to serve its purpose if it isn't up to proper air pressure standards). If you happen to possess a full size spare and wish to include it in the rotation then that is fine but remember to use one of the patterns shown above and insert the spare in the right rear position. Place the tire that would have gone on the right rear in the trunk as the new spare.

It's important to note that certain tires cannot be rotated in the patterns outlined here in this article. These include tires with asymmetric or unidirectional tread

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designs. Also, some vehicles are equipped with different size tires on the front and rear axles. Check the owner's manual for the proper rotation in these cases or consult one of our tire professionals here at Plains Tire Co either by phone or by stopping in. We would be happy to help you determine the rotation patterns necessary for your vehicles tires.

Last but not least after each rotation always check the inflation pressures and have them adjusted for the tires accordingly. Under-inflated or over-inflated tires may result in negative occurrences such as poor handling, uneven tread wear or poor fuel consumption. Also check that all the lug nuts have been properly installed and torqued/tightened.