



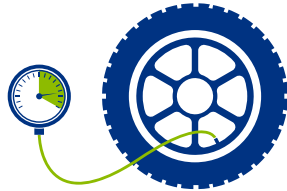
# 2023

## National Tire Safety Week

FACT SHEET

### General Tire Safety Information

Today's tires are made to perform *better than ever before*, yet **improperly maintained tires can put drivers at risk.**



**Worn-out tires are 3 times more likely to be involved in a crash** than tires with sufficient tread depth, according to NHTSA.

A NHTSA study of tire inflation pressure and tire pressure monitoring systems (TPMS) showed that **12 percent of all passenger vehicles in the United States of model years 2004-2011** (with and without TPMS) have at least one underinflated tire – by at least 25 percent.



The U.S. Department of Energy reports that keeping car tires at recommended pressure levels can **improve gas mileage by up to 3%.**

NHTSA reports that properly inflating tires can **save up to 11 cents per gallon on gas.**

### Mobility Trends

- Americans drove *more than 3.169 trillion miles in 2022*, an increase of more than 29 billion miles compared to 2021, according to the Federal Highway Administration.
- **Americans are on the road.** Rush hour traffic is returning, and 2022 saw *a 42% increase in total hours a typical driver spent on congested roads*, according to INRIX, though levels remain well below pre-pandemic peaks.
  - » Drivers reported an average of 2.57 driving trips per day, totaling 61.3 minutes and 32.7 miles behind the wheel each day.
  - » Young adults ages 25-34 reported driving significantly more in 2021 than adults ages 35-64 did, and Americans with high school diplomas drove significantly more than college graduates. Both represent major changes from previous years' data.
- **Cars are resuming their role as our primary means of travel.** *76% of American commuters use their own car to get to and from work*, according to the 2022 Statista Global Consumer Survey.
  - » Many alternatives to personal cars also involve motorized vehicles, including public transportation, rideshare and taxi services, carpooling and motorcycling.
- **Road trips are still a go-to for vacations and adventures.** *42% of Americans planned to take at least one road trip in 2023*, according to a Forbes Advisor survey. 24% planned a camping vacation and 24% planned another kind of outdoor adventure.
  - » As Americans look to save under high inflation, 7% of Americans said they would take a road trip rather than fly in 2023.