

# TAILGATE SAFETY

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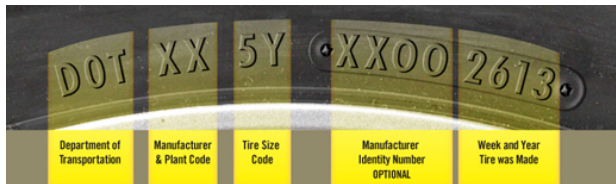
The FGI believes it is important to always put safety first. Our **Tailgate Safety Program** is a safety training resource for construction and other high hazard industries. Print out and conduct training right from your tailgate on the job site, or in a formal meeting at your office.

## Safety training for the job site & the office!

**Tire Safety - 4/14/2023 - Ray Peebles of Cooley Group**

### Tire Aging and Wear:

- Stop using tires if: tire's tread is worn down to a minimum depth using the penny test, wear markers on the tire, signs of physical damage (cuts, cracks, bulges, etc.), or signs of irregular wear or other damage due to underinflation or overloading.
- Be aware of the tires' visual condition as well as how they perform. If you notice any tire performance issues, such as failing to maintain proper tire inflation pressure, noise, or vibration, consult a tire service professional.
- As tires age, they are more prone to failure. Some vehicle and tire manufacturers recommend replacing tires that are 6 to 10 years old, regardless of treadwear. You can determine how old your tire is by looking on the sidewall for your DOT Tire Identification Number (TIN). The last four digits of the TIN indicate the week and year the tire was made. If the TIN reads 2613 it was made in the 26th week of 2013. Look on both sides of the tire. The TIN may not be on both sides.



### Keep Tires Rotated, Balance and Aligned

- Rotating your tires can help reduce irregular wear, which will help your tires last longer and maintain the fuel efficiency of your tires.
- Check your owner's manual for information on how frequently the tires on your vehicle should be rotated and the best pattern for rotation.
- If recommended by the vehicle manufacturer, rotate tires every 5,000 to 8,000 miles or sooner if uneven wear appears.
- For some vehicles, tire rotation is not recommended. If your front and rear tires are different sizes, you may not be able to rotate your tires. Check your owner's manual for guidance.