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## Danger: Where the Rubber Meets the Road

Tires Over 6 Years Old Are Dangerous

After reports of deaths and injures related to failures of old tires, Ford Motor Co., VW, Audi, BMW, Mercedes, and Toyota now advise people to replace their car, SUV and pick-up tires after six years.

Tires degrade over time even if they have good tread or are not being used much. When you buy a new car or buy replacement tires you should request the freshest tires available.

Tire manufacturers imprint a DOT code on the tire sidewall that indicates when the tire was made. But people can't easily figure-out the code. Check Ford's web site. It tells you how to decipher the DOT tire code. (See Tire Safety at www.ford.com/en/innovation/safety/tireSafety.htm.)

The highway presents the biggest risk of injury to your family. Common sense dictates that your car is safe only if the tires are safe. As grandma used to say: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Check the age of your tires. Get new ones if they are over 6 years old. Please tell your friends and family about this safety message. Thank you.

Respectfully,

William C. Faber, Jr.