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### Car-X Auto Service

When it comes to tire safety based on the age of tires, there are no written standards or policies from either the tire manufacturers or the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

However, Car-X Auto Service has decided that they will either return or destroy any tire in their inventory over 6 years of age. Their goal is to have their tire inventory current in regard to date of manufacture.

We at Car-X also believe that the maintenance of the tire is the most important tire safety item. Keeping tires properly inflated is the most important thing a vehicle owner can do to maintain their tires. This includes the spare tire as well. They should also be rotated on a regular basis. See your owner's manual for their recommendations.

We suggest that every time an owner or operator of the vehicle fills their tank with gas, they should walk around the vehicle to see if any tire appears low. A tire pressure gauge could also be purchased inexpensively. If a tire is low, they can go to one of the 12 neighborhood Car-X Auto Service locations or other tire store to have it properly inflated.

We feel strongly that the new Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS) that are mandatory on vehicles manufactured after 2007, will be very helpful in keeping tires properly inflated. This will improve both tire safety and the life of the tire itself.

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