



TPMS Tread Act Update

(Reprint from NHTSA bulletin)

- TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitoring System)
- The TPMS rule applies to all new passenger cars, multipurpose vehicles, trucks and busses with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 10,000 pounds or less, also excluding vehicles with dual wheels on one axle.
- The phase in period consists of 20% of cars for 2006 model year, 70% of 2007, and 100% of 2008 will be required to have TPMS.
- These systems may use up to two warning lights, one referred to as MIL (Malfunction Indicator Light) and , optionally, one that lights up as TPMS. These lights are triggered when one or more tires are 25% below the recommended psi (MIL lit solid) on the vehicle placard or if the system is malfunctioning (optional light lit, or MIL flashing for 60-90 seconds after ignition is turned on).
- It is the Customer's decision to maintain the TPMS system on their vehicle, after initial purchase.

RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON NHTSA:

- Plus sizing/upsizing vehicles with TPMS is not prohibited by NHTSA
- Reinstall sensors using O.E. method (when possible) or aftermarket bracket or band whenever possible.
- Educate customer about effect of non-O.E. fitment on TPMS system and that routine tire maintenance is required.