



## 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.