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## Tire Violations Serious for CSA

CSA, now, "Compliance Safety Accountability", does not create any new regulations; it only tightens the existing regulations. The major difference is drivers are now also monitored. If they drive a vehicle not in compliance, then it counts against them as well as the company.

Tire violations are very serious (and always have been), because they are such a high safety risk. The majority of the tire violations are those that could cause a tire to rapidly lose pressure and render the vehicle "Out of Service." These count much higher against a fleet and driver in the point system and can be easily identify by the driver in a pre-trip inspection.

### The Driver is the most important individual in making sure tires are not the cause for a citation.

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| 1. Driver inspection prior to each trip. | 5. Inspect suspension components  |
| 2. Maintain proper tire pressure         | 6. Follow recommended repairs procedures outlined by Tire Maintenance Council (TMC) |
| 3. Monitor tread depths                  |   |
| 4. Watch for irregular wear              |   |

### Things to inspect or look for that could lead to a CSA violation.

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| 1. Air Pressure check  | 4. Sidewall or tread separations (internal and external) | 5. Damage to belt or ply |
| 2. Leaks at valve stem |  | 6. Exposed belt or ply   |
| 3. Tread depths        |  |                          |

## Proper Tire Pressure Makes a Difference

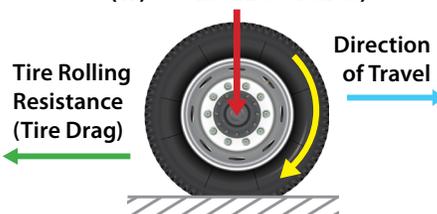
The condition and inflation of tires on heavy-duty trucks can make a significant difference in fuel economy. In fact, a truck can lose 1% of fuel efficiency for every 10 pounds PSI of underinflation. Tires should be checked often to ensure they are within the manufacturer's inflation specifications. Proper tire inflation pressure also helps optimize tire performance and stabilizes the tire's structure. It allows durability and performance designed to match the needs of the vehicles as well as blending the tire's responsiveness, traction and handling.

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### What is Tire Rolling Resistance?

The longitudinal (drag) force which acts opposite to the direction of the tire travel. Rolling resistance is the energy that is lost when the tire is rolling and the main reason for loss of energy is the constant deformation of the tire.

Load = 4250#  
(17,000 lb axle / 4 tires)



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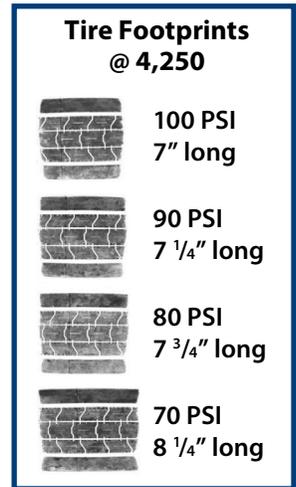
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Many tire manufacturers recommend inflating the stored tires to their maximum rated pressure. The higher pressure puts less stress on the tire cables. Due to the fact that tires will lose 2 to 3 PSI per month, they need to be checked every two to three months.

To maintain proper tire air pressure, your tire gauge must be calibrated on a regular basis. A new truck stick gauge is accurate to a plus or minus 3 PSI. However, after it is dropped a few times, it may not be as accurate. It is important to calibrate stick gauges using a master gauge on a regular basis. Over time, any gauge can go bad, therefore, when you calibrate, it is important to check a range of pressures.

Tires represent one of the highest costs of running a fleet, second to fuel. Properly maintaining tires can help keep both of these costs in line this summer.



Jimmy Childress

## NCTA Maintenance Council Tech Night Goes Back to Basics

NCTA Maintenance Council recently held its *Tech Night* in Charlotte, NC. The subject of the program was **Vehicle Inspection – Back to Basics** and featured discussions on some of the most common Road Side Inspection Violations and offered suggestions and tips on how to prevent them. Speakers included Sam Mask of Meritor; Shelton Shepherd of HD Fleet Reps; and Chandler Efland of Snider Tire. The program was moderated by **Jimmy Childress** of FleetNet America. Discussion included real world examples to understand potential problems and corrective actions and maintenance tips for common brake, electrical, tire and related inspection issues.



Rocky Carroll

## Rocky Carroll Earns ASE Master Tech Certification

FleetNet America, Inc announces the ASE Master Technician Certification of **Evans “Rocky” Carroll**, TMcare® Fleet Manager. Rocky passed all eight (8) exams in the Medium and Heavy Duty Truck Test Series.

## New Customers Join FleetNet Family

FleetNet America administers service for 350,000+ events annually, as well as being responsible for over 1,000,000 pieces of customers’ equipment in the TMcare® (Total Maintenance Care) and Roadside (emergency roadside) programs. We would like to welcome the new customers who joined our FleetNet family in the last few months.

American International Movers, Forsyth, GA  
Andrews Logistics, Irving, TX  
Artemis Fine Arts, Dallas, TX  
Bergey’s Truck Center, Trenton, NJ  
Boasso America Corp, Channelview, TX  
Brooks Furniture Express, Lincolnton, NC  
CDC Distributors, Cincinnati, OH  
Coal City Cob Co., Waxahachie, TX  
Dallas Church Of God, Dallas, NC  
Darrell Andrews Trucking, Siler City, NC  
Dillard Smith Construction, Chattanooga, TN  
Evan Transportation, Baltimore, MD  
Freehold Cartage, Freehold, NJ  
Gateway Transportation of GA, Cartersville, GA  
Gregory Bearce, Bartlett, IL  
High Country Transportation, Cortez, CO  
Jack Cooper Transport, Kansas City, MO  
Jay C Food Stores, Seymour, IN  
JH Walker Trucking, Grand Prairie, TX  
K & B Summers, Ephrata, PA  
Kenco, Chattanooga, TN  
Larson-Juhl, Norcross, GA  
Lester Summers, Ephrata, PA

Lily Transportation, Needham, MA  
Lipman Produce, Immokalee, FL  
LKQ Norfolk #144, Chesapeake, VA  
M Bruenger Co, Wichita, KS  
Mail Transport Services, Greensboro, NC  
MC Van Kampen Trucking, Wyoming, MI  
Mexcor International, Houston, TX  
New Rent, Kearny, NJ  
Osterkamp Transportation, Pomona, CA  
Pacific Tank Lines, Riverside, CA  
PEI Inc, Stockbridge, GA  
Riggs Distler & Co, Cherry Hill, NJ  
Schon’s Nationlease of UT, West Valley City, UT  
Schwend, Inc, Dade City, FL  
Special Event Transportation, Winston Salem, NC  
Steelcase, Grand Rapids, MI  
T & B Equipment, Ashland, VA  
The Shaker Group, Latham, NY  
Transport America, Eagan, MN  
Up-To-Date Laundry, Baltimore, MD  
Wilson Brothers Milling Co, Bear Creek, NC  
Young Brothers Trucking, Valparaiso, IN