



Finding Tire Age

To find the age of a tire, look for the letters DOT on the side wall of the tire (indicating compliance with applicable safety standards set by the U.S. Department of Transportation). Adjacent to these letters is the tire's serial number, which is a combination of up to 12 numbers and letters.

The last characters are numbers that identify the week and year of manufacture. For example, 1504 means the fifteenth week of the year 2004.

The numbers can be hard to locate. The numbers are imprinted on only one side of the tire, which sometimes is the one facing inward when the tire is mounted on a wheel. The numbers can usually be found in an oval offset in the tire.