

Smatterings of Camping Safety

**Some Reminders of what
you probably already know!**

Basic safety survey

Tires

First Aid Kit

Fire Safety

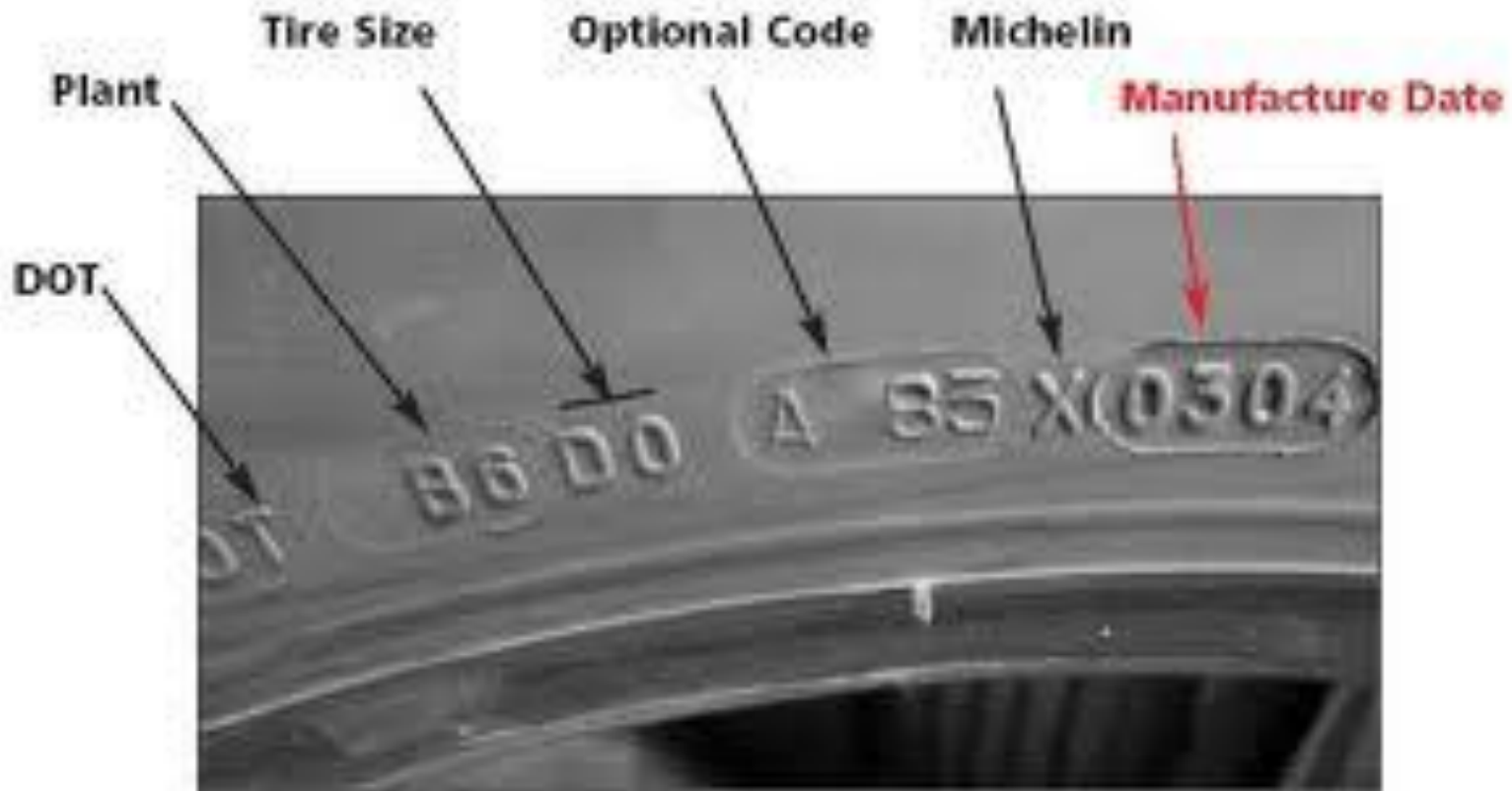
Electrical Safety

Storm Safety

Tire Safety



When is your tire's birthday?



Manufacturer's Date: WEEK YEAR (*third week of 2004*)

WARRANTY: based on Manufacturer's date... NOT the purchase date.

After 5 years, consider replacing tires regardless of appearance.

Dry Rot erodes the tire's structural integrity



Inspect sidewalls and tread:

- If cracks run through the tread, especially perpendicularly, dry rot is present.
- Multiple deep cracks in surface of tire.
- Discoloration around cracks: advanced stages of dry rot

PROPER TIRE INFLATION

Check inflation before every trip.
Check inflation when weather conditions change.



IMPORTANT!
Pressures refer to Max. Load Max. Speed
Below 100 mph:
FRONT 29 PSI
REAR 32 PSI
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TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION			
SEATING CAPACITY		TOTAL 5	FRONT 2 REAR 3
The combined weight of occupants and cargo should never exceed 480kg or 1058lbs.			
ORIGINAL TIRE SIZE	COLD TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE		
225/45 R 17	FRONT	240 kPa,	35 PSI
255/40 R 17	REAR	260 kPa,	38 PSI
COMPACT SPARE TIRE	COLD TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE		
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SEE OWNER'S MANUAL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Excessive inner wear.
Limits contact of tread.



Excessive shoulder wear.
Limits contact of tread.
Causes excess flexion of sidewalls



FIRST

AID

KIT

First Aid Kit



- Keep it SIMPLE
- Include things most likely to need
 - Band aids
 - Antiseptic and anti-itch creams
 - Ace bandages
 - Antihistamine
 - Special items as needed (epi-pen, glucagon, etc.)
- Check for EXPIRATION DATES of medications.

Most important!

Contact information

- Who to contact in case of emergency
- Essential medical information
 - Conditions
 - Allergies
 - Medications
 - Medical contact
- Names and phone numbers of family members (NOT on phone only)
- Insurance information (give also to someone on contact list.)

FIRE

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Fire Safety

- **Fire Exits**
- **Smoke Detectors**
- **Fire Extinguishers**



Detectors

A few obvious comments

- Remove batteries during long periods of absence
- Replace batteries before camping season
- Change detectors every 10 years
- Do not remove batteries when cooking (use a shower cap over the detector if it is located close to cooking area... remove after cooking.)



Fire Extinguishers

- **Location:**
 - Usually by the door.
 - **Keep it uncluttered and easily accessible.**
- **Inspection:**
 - The nozzle or other parts are not hindered in any way.
 - The pin and tamper seal (if it has one) are intact.
 - There are no dents, leaks, rust, chemical deposits and/or other signs of abuse/wear. Wipe off any corrosive chemicals, oil, gunk etc. that may have deposited on the extinguisher.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS DO EXPIRE!

Check gauge frequently



- The needle should be in the green zone – not too high and not too low.

P.A.S.S.

How to use a fire extinguisher

- **P**ull the Pin
- **A**im at the base of the fire
- **S**queeze the lever slowly
- **S**weep from side to side

ELECTRICAL

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ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- **“Hot Skin”**
 - RV is electrically charged and dangerous
 - Can lead to electrocution if voltage between RV surface and ground allows current to flow through you.
- **Causes of “Hot Skin”**
 - Bad “shore power” connection
 - Improper grounding, no grounding, reversed polarity
 - Improperly wired extension cord
 - Improperly wired 30-amp adapters
 - Loose or worn power outlets
 - Reversed polarity in electrical outlets in the RV

How to Check for “Hot Skin”

You cannot safely test for RV Hot Skin without a tester. Several are available.

- Pedestal Power Monitor (measures polarity, power usage and available amperage.)
- Portable volt meter (Fluke VoltAlert) (alerts to abnormal electrical charge in the skin of the RV)
- Circuit tester: checks for polarity, open grounds in outlets.



Do not assume
That a little “shock” that you feel
is
Nothing more than static
electricity.

If

“Hot Skin”

Is detected,

Shut off power at the pedestal

And

Unplug the camper.

STORM

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**PICTURES FROM
CHERRY HILL CAMPGROUND
IN VIRGINIA FROM
THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014.**



STORM SAFETY

RVs and tents are notoriously inadequate as protection during a storm.

BEFORE THE NEED

- **Review** the weather forecast in advance.
- Determine a **safe place to shelter** in case of threatening weather.
- Have available a **weather radio or an app on your cell phone** that will alert you in case of inclement weather.

SHELTER IN PLACE

- If possible, leave the RV for a sturdy building in case of tornado or severe thunderstorm.
- If no building is available, your vehicle may provide more stability than your RV/Tent.
 - Put on seat belts
 - Try to keep head lower than the level of the dashboard
- **Open shelter houses/awnings do NOT provide protection from wind/lightning.**

Two thoughts about thunder and lightning

- If you **HEAR** it, **FEAR** it!
- If you **SEE** it, **FLEE** it!