

Used tires can save you hundreds of dollars



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Drivers in North Texas all experience the same issue when it comes to the tires on their vehicles, excessive wear and high replacement cost. Due to the size of the North Texas area and the extreme summer heat, tires wear down quicker than they might in a smaller community. The shorter tire life translates to more frequent tire replacement and high costs of replacing those tires.

Anyone who has purchased new tires for their car or truck can tell you how expensive it is to replace a set of tires. Even replacing one blown out or damaged tire can cost between \$100 and \$200 just for one tire. Some tires may cost even more. A set of four new tires for a car or truck could cost between \$400 and \$800 or more depending on the application. Alternatively, the average cost for used tires is between \$25 and \$75 per tire. A set of four used tires might cost between \$100 and \$300. This is a significant savings from buying used tires instead of new.

There is a little more research involved when you decide to purchase used tires. The first step you will need to take is to find the correct tire size for your vehicle. This information can be found on the inside of your passenger or driver side door or in your owners manual. If this information is not available, contact the specific auto dealer for your car.

Once you know the tire size for your vehicle, you will need to find used tire shops in your area. Simply perform an online search for used tire shops in your area and call around to find a shop that has the tires you are looking for and a price you like. You can also drive around and visit used tire shops in your area to find tires.

When you are searching for tires, be sure to check the tires to ensure that you are buying good, quality tires. Check the tread depth by inspecting the "wear bars" located between the tread. These are the little bumps of rubber between the tread. The tire tread should not be lower than these bumps or bars. Inspect the tire for excessive repairs such as multiple plugs or patches. Check the tires for even tread wear and if you are buying a pair or set, ensure that the tread on the tires match.

Once you find the tires you like, just negotiate a price or agree to their pricing and have the shop install the tires. Ensure that the shop will balance the tires before placing the them on your vehicle.

The used tire process may not be for everyone, but if you are interested in saving some money, buying used tires is the way to go. Just do your research, shop around for the right price, and buy yourself something nice with the extra money you have saved over buying new tires.

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