



STOP UNSAFE USED TIRES

Safety is the tire manufacturing industry's #1 priority. Tire manufacturers share the concern of federal and state highway safety officials, safety advocates, the automotive industry and others that our nation must do more to mitigate the risk of vehicle crashes. That is why USTMA advocates state legislation to prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires.

- **Action to protect consumers**
 - Prohibiting the installation of unsafe used tires will protect consumers from an increased risk of tire failure that can lead to loss of vehicle control.

- **Target specific unsafe tire conditions**
 - Unsafe used tires targeted under proposal:
 - Worn-out tires (tread depth measures 2/32nds inch or less)
 - Damage that exposes a tire's inner components such as body plies or steel belts
 - Inner liner damage – the component of the tire that holds air to keep it inflated
 - Tires with repairs that fail to conform to industry guidelines including:
 - Sidewall repairs
 - Repairs to the belt-edge area of the tire
 - Repairs made to punctures larger than ¼ inch
 - Repairs that do not seal a puncture from the inside of the tire through to the outside
 - Damaged tires treated with a tire sealant but not subsequently repaired to industry standards with the puncture sealed from the inside through to the outside

- **Legislation seeks to stop those that carelessly sell unsafe used tires**
 - The legislation exempts situations in which a mounted tire is temporarily removed from a vehicle then reinstalled on the same vehicle.
 - Reputable tire dealers will easily identify unsafe tires targeted by proposal.

- **Legislation preserves used tire choices for consumers**
 - Legislation applies only to specific, unsafe used tires that put consumers at risk.
 - Millions of used tires would still enter the market annually under this proposal.

- **86 percent of motorists support common-sense regulations against unsafe used tires**
 - Nearly 10 percent of drivers say their current vehicle has a purchased used tire.
 - Reducing risks posed by unsafe used tires will stop preventable crashes.