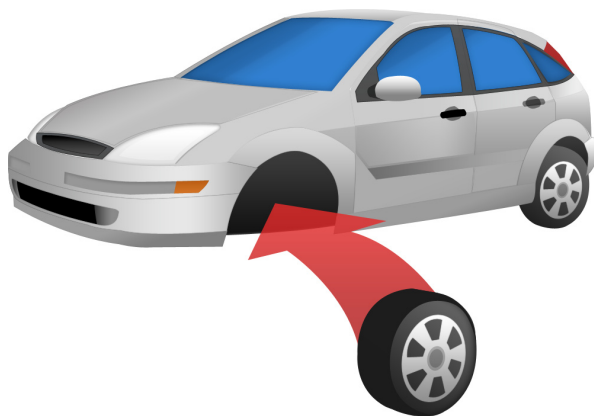


How to change a tyre



If you are on a motorway, don't attempt to change your tyre, call for assistance. On other roads if you deem it safe to do so, then follow these simple steps to change your car tyre.

- 1** Make sure you are parked on firm ground, your handbrake is on, and put the car into first gear with the engine turned off.
- 2** Remove the spare wheel, jack and wrench from the boot of your car.
- 3** Remove the hubcap or wheel cover, using the flat end of a wrench. Loosen the wheel nuts while the car is flat.
- 4** Alloy wheels may have a locking wheels nut, which you will need a special key to remove it with. Refer to your car manual if you are unsure.
- 4** Find the car manual and find out where the jacking point for your car is. If you do not do this it can cause damage to the car.
- 5** Place the jack in the correct place, on firm level ground and start to jack the car up. Only go as far as to lift the wheel off the ground.

- 6** Now remove the wheel nuts with the wrench or your hands. Then slowly move the wheel and place it on the ground out of the way.
- 7** Get the new tyre and place it on the car. Tighten the wheel nuts as much as you can without the wheel spinning too much.
- 8** Let the car down slowly, and remove the jack. Now you have to tighten the wheel nuts properly. Tighten one nut, then move to the opposite one and tighten it, then the remaining nuts until they are all tight.
- 9** Replace your wheel cover, or hub cap and put your old tyre, jack and wrench back in the car.

If you only have a temporary spare tyre then you can only drive a few miles on it, and usually not over 50 mph.

Make sure the spare tyre is roadworthy and has tread of a minimum depth of 1.6mm. Otherwise, you could be caught and fined up to £2500 and receive 3 points on your license. You will also be in breach of your car insurance policy.

A guide by
PetrolPrices.com



For advice on motoring and breakdown cover, visit
PetrolPrices.com