



Tire Tread Depth: What is it and Why it Matters

Livonia, MICH. (Dec. 14, 2020) - Tires on every vehicle serve as a barrier between the vehicle operator and the road. Due to the crucial nature of tires, it is key to keep up with the maintenance of one of the most important parts of the vehicle. That includes keeping a watchful eye on tire tread depth.

What is Tire Tread Depth?

Tire tread depth is a measurement used to determine the normal wear of the vehicle's tires. Specifically, it is a vertical measurement from the top of the tire to the bottom of the tire's deepest point.

It is very normal to see wear on tires, especially if they are used regularly. Over time, tires will naturally lose traction and tread, and in turn, lose their grip-strength on the road. It's important to notice this change before any serious safety issues arise.

How ATEQ Helps Professionals Measure Tire Tread:

At ATEQ TPMS, it is a goal to make the lives of professionals in the automotive aftermarket industry easier. The Tire Tread Depth Gauge is at the forefront of this initiative. This handheld device can be used with the ATEQ VT56, the most powerful TPMS tool on the market. When used together, automotive professionals have a complete tire management solution.



What do the numbers mean?



Knowing the tread on the vehicle's tires keeps the driver safe on the road, but it is not always easy to know exactly what the numbers mean. To make the process more efficient, ATEQ has color-coded the numbers for tread depth for quick understanding, built-in the tool.

Overall, here are what the numbers typically mean:

6/32" or higher: Screen will display green, the tread is in good condition.

5/32": Screen will display green, although tires are losing some traction.

4/32": Screen will display yellow, consider replacing tires soon.



3/32": Screen will display red, they are close to being legally bald.

2/32": Screen will display red, tires are now legally bald and must be replaced.

Tire tread is a very important aspect of vehicle maintenance. Regularly inspecting tires lowers the risk of driving on bald, dangerous tires and causing major safety concerns.

Watch the demonstration of the Tire Tread Depth Gauge [here!](#)

About ATEQ TPMS Tools

ATEQ TPMS Tools, LC is a division of ATEQ which was founded in 1975. We are the number one world supplier in the TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitoring System) field by supplying an entire range of TPM activation tools for both assembly lines and tire repair shops.

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