

bead cut, sidewall slash, serial number removal), or scrapped (which may be evidenced by *severe* weather checking, *extreme* discoloration, water or mud filled condition, or evidence of burning) or which is not in your possession and presented for replacement as described above. In order to complete the replacement program fully and fairly to consumers and Firestone as agreed upon by the NHTSA and Firestone, extreme care will be exercised by Dealers and Stores in determining whether a tire is scrapped.

Your tire(s) may be inspected for treadwear when presented for replacement. Tires which fail to meet the NHTSA inspection standard for treadwear as follows shall be treated as provided below. Failure to meet the NHTSA standard is determined in the following way:

(a) **Tread depth.** The tread on each tire shall be not less than two thirty-seconds of an inch deep.

1. **Inspection procedure.** Passenger car tires have tread depth indicators that become exposed when tread depth is less than two thirty-seconds of an inch. Inspect for indicators in any two adjacent major grooves at three locations spaced approximately equally around the outside of the tire. *In order for a tire to be considered worn out the measurement must be two thirty-seconds or less at each of these three locations.*

Tires otherwise eligible which have less than two thirty-seconds tread depth remaining when measured in accordance with the NHTSA standard described above shall be eligible for replacement under the free replacement program (but not the half-price program) if they are currently in use on your vehicle and if they are presented for replacement by you or your authorized representative (*e.g.*, wife, daughter, son, employee, etc.).

Because of the possibility that some worn out tires may be mounted on vehicles for the sole purpose of obtaining free replacements, the replacing Dealer or Store will check carefully to ensure that the individual presenting such tires is the actual owner/purchaser or his authorized representative. If you are presenting worn out tires for replacement, he will request to see the registration of the vehicle and your identification. If a person other than the owner of the vehicle presents the tires, written authorization from the owner of the vehicle requesting replacement will be requested.