



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Law of the Month – October

We are now officially in fall season in Wisconsin, which means that winter is going to be here before we know it. Because of this it is not only recommended to get your tires with low tread replaced before the snow falls due to the dangers of having poor traction, but if your tires have less than 2/32-inch tread depth in every major tire groove, you will be in violation of Wisconsin transportation law 305.30. This law also highlights the fact that you may not use a tire of a different size or construction than any other tire attached to the vehicle's axle unless the manufacturer approves the use of a mini spare. Also, under this law, vehicle wheels may not be damaged, dented, bent, or missing any lug nuts.

Trans 305.30- Tires and Rims

Every tire shall have at least 2/32-inch tread depth in every major tire groove measured at two points no less than 15 inches apart.

No vehicle may have tires of different sizes or construction on the same axle, or directly across from each other on vehicles without a common axle, except that this subsection does not prohibit the use of mini spare tires temporarily used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications or other spare tires and rims that are temporarily used.

The rims may not be damaged, dented, bent, or otherwise distorted, rusted, or corroded.

No rim may have loose or missing nuts, lugs, or bolts.