

19A NCAC 03D .0538 TIRES

(a) A vehicle shall be disapproved if:

- (1) any tire has cuts or snags that expose the cords;
- (2) any tire has a visible bump, bulge, or knot related to tread or sidewall separation or partial failure of the tire structure including bead area; or
- (3) there is less than 2/32-inch tread at two or more locations around the circumference of the tire in two adjacent major tread grooves or if the tread wear indicators are in contact with the roadway at two or more locations around the circumference of the tire in two adjacent major tread grooves.

(b) Tire depth shall be measured by a tread depth gauge which shall be of a type calibrated in thirty-seconds of an inch. Readings for a tire with a tread design that does not have two adjacent grooves near the center shall be taken at the center of the tire around the circumference of the tire. Each tire must be completely lifted from the ground for an inspection to be performed.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 20-2; 20-39; 20-183.3(a)(7);
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