

19A NCAC 03D .0539 TIRES - DEFINITIONS

As used in this and Rule .0538 of this Section, these terms have the following meanings:

- (1) "Bead" is that part of the tire that is shaped to fit the rim. The bead is made of high tensile steel wires wrapped and reinforced by the plies.
- (2) "Cord" is made from textile, steel wire strands forming the plies or other structure of the tires.
- (3) "Groove" is the space between two tread ribs.
- (4) "Ply" is layers of rubber coated parallel cords forming the tire body.
- (5) "Rib" is the tread section running circumferentially around the tire.
- (6) "Rim" is a metal support for the tire or tire and tube assembly on the wheel. Tire beads are seated on the rim.
- (7) "Sidewall" is that portion of the tire between tread and bead.

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