How to change a tire



Tire change supply kit



Owner's manual



Jack



Lug nut

wrench



Spare tire



Chock blocks

or wedges



Flashlight



Tire pressure gauge

Process

Make sure you're safe

Turn your hazards on and find level ground to pull over, away from traffic.

Secure your vehicle

Apply the parking brake, retrieve your tire change supplies, and place chock blocks/wedges behind wheels.

Loosen the lug nuts on the flat tire

Use a lug wrench to loosen the lug nuts so they can be turned by hand. Do not remove them.

Place the jack and lift your vehicle

Find the jack point behind the wheel (check owner's manual for help) and position the jack beneath it. Lift the car until the tire is 6" off the ground.



Remove the lug nuts and the flat tire

Finish unscrewing and removing the lug nuts. Gently pull the tire straight out to remove.

Install the spare tire

Align the spare tire rim with the lug bolts and push the tire as far onto the wheelbase as possible.

Hand-tighten the lug nuts

Replace the lug nuts, tightening them by hand so the tire sits evenly.

Lower the vehicle so the spare tire touches the ground

The tire should be on the ground, but the jack should still be supporting the weight of the car.

Completely tighten the lug nuts

Use the lug wrench to firmly tighten the lug nuts.

Remove the jack

Lower the vehicle completely and remove the jack. Give the lug nuts one more pull with the wrench before storing your supplies.

Check the tire pressure on the spare

Check your owner's manual for the recommended pressure. If it's low, drive directly to a service station to fill it.

What to do after changing your tire

• Have the flat tire repaired or replaced ASAP.

• Inspect your spare tire for cracks, puncture marks, low tread, and proper air pressure. If you notice signs of aging, or you've had the same spare tire for more than 10 years, replace it before returning it to the well in your trunk.

