



## Auto Safety Awareness Program

### Media Release

## Get a Grip – every week

Motorists are being urged to get into the habit of checking their tyres every week. A recent survey has found one in five cars on Victoria's roads has at least one unsafe tyre.

Last week's Auto Safety week has been heralded a great success by the Auto Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) partners - VACC, RACV, VicRoads, TAC and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS).

The Get a Grip message for the 2008 Auto Safety Awareness Program was also endorsed by State Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas.

The goal of the recent campaign (June 2-9, 2008) was to encourage all drivers to take responsibility for their vehicle's tyres. Drivers were urged to check the grip, pressure and general condition of their tyres every week.

But just because the campaign is over, motorists should not stop checking their tyres.

The effort to reduce road traffic accidents is ongoing and ASAP partners have issued the following tips on tyre safety:

- Know how to use a tyre pressure gauge - they can be found at most service stations or purchased from auto accessory stores.
- Tyres should be tested when they are cold.
- Pump tyres to the recommended pressure - displayed in the owner's manual or on the small plate usually found inside the door or the glove box.
- A tyre requires a minimum tread of 1.5mm at any point in contact with the road, to be legally roadworthy.
- Tyres should always be replaced before wear indicators surface. These appear as raised bars running across the tread, evenly spaced around the tyre.
- Check the valve caps are in good condition.
- Remember to check the spare.
- Motorists should check their tyres all year round, but particularly during the winter months. Drivers should be prepared for wet weather conditions including fog, rain, ice and even snow.

Video clips on [www.autosafety.net.au](http://www.autosafety.net.au) explain how to check tyres.

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Website visitors can continue to enter a competition (closing date: Sunday June 15, midnight) to win one of five sets of brand new tyres and one of 50 tyre pressure gauges.

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