

- ① Tire size (→P. 596)
- ② Summer tires or all season tires (→P. 480)

An all season tire has “M+S” on the sidewall. A tire not marked “M+S” is a summer tire.
- ③ TUBELESS or TUBE TYPE

A tubeless tire does not have a tube and air is directly put into the tire. A tube type tire has a tube inside the tire and the tube maintains the air pressure.
- ④ Radial tires or bias-ply tires

A radial tire has “RADIAL” on the sidewall. A tire not marked “RADIAL” is a bias-ply tire.
- ⑤ DOT and Tire Identification Number (TIN) (→P. 595)
- ⑥ Location of treadwear indicators (→P. 473)
- ⑦ Uniform tire quality grading

For details, see “Uniform Tire Quality Grading” that follows.
- ⑧ Maximum cold tire inflation pressure (→P. 584)

This means the pressure to which a tire may be inflated.
- ⑨ Load limit at maximum cold tire inflation pressure (→P. 479)
- ⑩ Tire ply composition and materials

Plies are layers of rubber-coated parallel cords. Cords are the strands which form the plies in a tire.
- ⑪ “TEMPORARY USE ONLY”

A compact spare tire is identified by the phrase “TEMPORARY USE ONLY” molded on its sidewall. This tire is designed for temporary emergency use only.