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Our Mission is Simple ...

Joe's Slinger Service is in business to provide honest, quality automotive repair to all makes and models that are valuable to our customers. We strive to have your repairs done right the first time and on time!

Joe's ... where customer satisfaction is our business!

Happy New Year Everyone!

On behalf of all of us at Joe's Slinger Service, Paul, Ryon, Dakota, Dennis, Cheryl and myself wish you and your families a blessed New Year. We thank you for your trust in allowing us to repair the vehicles that you rely on day after day. In the event you need to know the service history that Joe's has done on your vehicle, we have a website that you can go to and see your vehicle's history. Normally after service is performed, you will get an email that contains a link to this. You just need to follow the simple directions and set up your free viewing account and that important vehicle information is right at your fingertips. Any questions about this, just give Dennis a call and he'll be glad to help you.

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Joe



Breaking News

How to Read a Tire Sidewall

What do the numbers mean on the sidewall of your tire? At first glance, you look at your tire sidewall and think, "Do I need a super secret decoder ring to read this?" In addition to the model name of the tire there is a series of numbers that at first, you don't deem important. However, these numbers are extremely helpful, especially when it's time to replace your tires. Here's a quick breakdown to help you decipher one of the best kept secrets in the automotive world: How do you read tire sizes?



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TIRE SIZE

Example: **P225/50/R17 98H**

P identifies your tire as a Passenger Tire. The **P** stands for PMetric. If your tire size starts with **LT** rather than a **P** than it identifies the tire as a Light Truck tire.

225 identifies the tire section width, which is the measurement of the tire from sidewall to sidewall in millimeters. This measurement varies depending on the rim to which it is fitted. *(There are 25.4 millimeters per 1 inch.)*

50 is the two-figure aspect ratio. This percentage compares the tire's section height with the tire's section width. For example, this aspect ratio of 50 means that the tire's section height is 50% of the tire's section width.

R indicates the construction used within the tires casing. **R** stands for radial construction. **B** means belted bias and **D** stands for diagonal bias construction.

17 The last dimension listed in the size is the diameter of the wheel rim, which is most often measured in inches.

LOAD INDEX AND SPEED RATING

Example: **P225/50/R17 98H**

The load index and speed rating, or service description, are the numbers that follow the tire size.

The load index tells you how much weight the tire can support when properly inflated. Load indices range from 75 - 105 for passenger tires, with each numeric value corresponding to a certain carrying capacity. The carrying capacity for each value can be found on a load index chart. On each U.S. passenger car tire, the load limit is listed in pounds. European tires have the load limit listed in kilograms and sometimes pounds.

H Speed ratings are represented by letters ranging from A to Z. Each letter coincides to the maximum speed a tire can sustain under its recommended load capacity. For instance, **S** is equivalent to a maximum speed of 112 mph. Even though a tire can perform at this speed, Joe's Slinger Service does not advocate exceeding legal speed limits.

Rating	Maximum Speed
Q	100 MPH
S	112 MPH
T	118 MPH
U	124 MPH
H	130 MPH
V	149 MPH
W	168 MPH
Y	186 MPH
Z	Over 149 MPH

DOT Serial Number

The "DOT" symbol certifies the tire manufacturer's compliance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) tire safety standards. Tires made in the United States have the DOT serial number located on the inside sidewall near the rim.

Below is a description of the serial number. Starting with the year 2000, four numbers are used for the Date of Manufacture, the first two numbers identify the week and the last two numbers identify the year of manufacture. This identifies how old a tire is.

Prior to year 2000 three numbers are used for the date of manufacture, first two numbers identify the week and the last number identifies the year of manufacture. To identify tires manufactured in the 90s, a decade symbol (a triangle on its side) is located at the end of the DOT serial number.

Comedy Corner

Continuation of the Top 5 Lines to Irritate your Mechanic AND our Replies.

#2. "What do you mean the repair cost \$1400? I only paid \$900 for the car!"

When you check in for auto repair, the person at the front counter will likely ask your name and a contact phone number, year/make/model of the car, and a description of the concerns you have with your vehicle today. In all my years, I have never asked anyone "So you saw smoke and the needle was in the red and the car stalled and wouldn't restart. How much did you pay for the car?"

Why do we not ask this question? Because it is meaningless! Totally useless information. What is wrong with your car has not been affected in any way by some deal you made with the seller at some earlier time. It's none of our business, and it has nothing to do with what happened to your car today.

Actually, I take half of that back. If you got the car cheap, then you should be paying more for repairs. Why do you think they sold it to you cheap? Look at the sites like NADA and Kelley Blue Book ... when they rate used cars, they rate them based partly on condition. The exact same year/make/model car in less than stellar mechanical condition will be sold for much lower than one with an impeccable maintenance record. So, if you bought the car cheaper, it should have occurred to you that there was a reason for that. It is far more likely to be an inverse relationship between the amount you paid for a car vs. what it will cost you to fix it (inverse means if one as the value of one moves lower, the value of the other moves higher).

I can't call the parts store and say "Yeah, we need a head gasket kit. No, I can't pay you what your asking price is - the guy only paid \$900 for the car so we have to pay you less for that same exact gasket kit than we would pay for the same kit going on a car that cost \$2500." On our invoice, we typically list the price of labor, parts, supplies, and sales tax. There is no factor in there for "If you paid up to \$1000 for the car, a discount of 50% will be applied to your bill. If you paid more than \$1000 for your car, our fee will be doubled.

#1. "Ever since I got my oil changed here, my drivers side door squeaks louder."

When you phrase things as an accusation, or a "you sure this doesn't have anything to do with the oil change?" it makes us suspicious, defensive, and ready to deal with craziness we've had to deal with in the past. It's a useless conversation, because when you make it about what we've allegedly done wrong, you get nowhere.

Caramel Apple Cake

Ingredients:

- 1½ c. Plain flour
- 1½ tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ c. unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1 c. sugar
- 2 large eggs
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- ½ c. whole milk
- 5 apples, peeled and cored
- 1 cup caramel, slightly warmed

Directions:

Pre-heat oven to 350°. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Add butter and mix until it resembles coarse sand. Add sugar and blend until sandy. Add eggs and blend until smooth. Pour in vanilla and milk and blend just until smooth. Do not over mix.

Arrange the apples in an 8" greased cake tin. Pour the cake batter in the center and spread it around the apples. Bake for 35-40 minutes until a toothpick comes out clean. Let cool for 10 minutes. Pour caramel over the top of the cake to drip on the sides. Serve with ice cream. Enjoy!

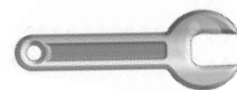
Congratulations!

Oil Change Winners:

September 2017 Jim Inman

October 2017 Gail Cooper

November 2017 Karen Fassbender



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