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### **NEXT TREAD**

RETREAD TIRE LINE BY GOODYEAR DUNLOP





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# WHY CHOOSE RETREADS?

#### **ECONOMY**

The fact is that high technology Goodyear Dunlop retreaded tires offer just as good mileage potential as new, first-life tires. And at a cost of approximately one-third less, the economic argument for choosing retreads is rock solid. But there are further benefits, too.

#### **SAFETY**

The first is that government-sponsored studies have proved that high quality retread tires are every bit as reliable, durable and resistant to failure as their new tire counterparts. Meaning the safety standards which have made us industry leaders are upheld by all our retreaded tires.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

The second major benefit concerns the environment - and our impact upon it. Tire disposal is now a major issue. No longer can old tires simply be buried in landfill sites. We need to make sure that each and every tire lives and works for as long as it possibly can - thereby ensuring the maximum possible return from all the natural resources and energy used to create it, and the very minimum financial and environmental cost at disposal.

#### **SERVICE**

As a 'full service' tire supplier, Goodyear Dunlop retread products ideally complement sales of our new, first life tires. Today, most truck operators choose to run a mixture of new and retreaded tires, so whatever their individual preferences and tire mix, Goodyear Dunlop can meet each and every customer's need exactly.

Goodyear Dunlop is also a leader in offering the road transport industry fully comprehensive 'cradle-to-grave' tire management services. Innovative and cost-effective, our TruckForce, FleetOnlineSolutions, TV Track and ServiceLine 24h packages can quickly determine the most productive tire solutions for your fleet, including the ideal mix between new and retreaded tires. From new tire acquisition to retreads and, ultimately, casing disposal, Goodyear Dunlop can handle it all.

- TvTrack is Goodyear Dunlop developed software which helps to optimise truck tire performance.
- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Europe-wide roadside assistance for minor and major tire repairs or even a complete tyre change.
  - TruckForce: a Pan-European truck tire management network. Unrivalled service standards. Expert assistance and information.



#### **OUALITY**

Benefiting from advanced design, premium materials and top quality construction techniques, Goodyear and Dunlop casings naturally make excellent foundations for retreading. And we insist on upholding these standards across all our retreads:

Every casing considered for retreading by Goodyear Dunlop has been inspected twice; once at the point of collection, and once upon arrival at our factory. If we consider the casing to be in any way compromised, it goes for scrap there and then.

Once a casing has passed inspection it is individually logged on our computerised casing management system – allowing us to monitor and track every stage of its life from retreading, throughout its future service on the road, to its disposal.

With the retreading process complete, every tire is then subjected to a full inflation test and a detailed x-ray examination to guarantee that it's 100% up to specification and the quality standards we demand.

So, whenever you choose a Goodyear or Dunlop retread we'll confidently guarantee that only a premium quality casing, such as from Goodyear Dunlop, will be used. This way, you'll feel completely assured that you've bought a first-class product, able to deliver a mileage potential fully equivalent to new, first-life tire models.

### NEXT TREAD TECHNOLOGY

Now much more popular than precures, the **mould cure** process takes an existing casing and fully replaces the whole exterior surface area of the tire, from one sidewall bead to the other.

A process carried out at higher temperatures, these 'hot cure' retreads represent the ultimate in mileage potential, reliability and operating safety.

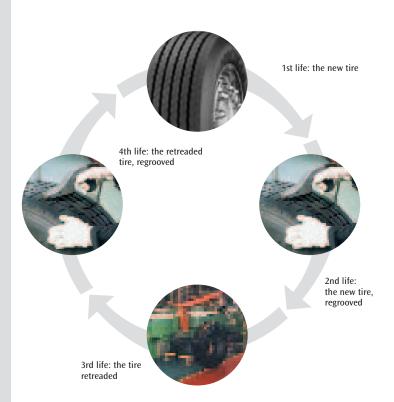
#### **MOULD CURE RETREAD PROCESS**

In Next Tread's mould cure system, non-vulcanized tread rubber is applied to a buffed tire. The tire is then heated in a mould, where the rubber vulcanizes and forms the new tread design. After the mould cure process is completed, Goodyear Dunlop examines the tire. This final inspection ensures that only tires that meet Goodyear Dunlop's high standards leave the retread plant.

- Hot Cure retreads represent the ultimate in mileage potential, reliability and operating safety.
- State of the art carcass inspection using x-ray or shearograph equipment.

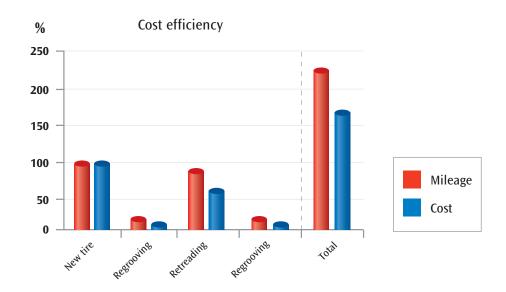


# THE FOUR LIVES OF A TIRE:



Whereas many people today think that you cannot regroove a retreaded tire, here at Goodyear Dunlop we know that you can. Yet it is crucial that the tire casings are of a premium quality - and it is precisely to these standards that Goodyear Dunlop offers its range of retread products.

Because we have the innovation to greatly extend a tire's life-span in this way, top quality Goodyear and Dunlop retreads therefore provide both the maximum possible productivity, and maximum cost-efficiency.



Extract from the US Tire Retread Information Bureau's 'RETREADED TIRES 2004 FACT SHEET'

### FACTS AND FIGURES

Approximately 20 million retreaded tires were sold in North America in 2003, with sales totalling more than \$2 billion. The majority of these were medium truck tires.

For most fleets, tires represent the third largest item in their operating budget, right after labour and fuel costs.

The lowest possible cost-per-mile is achieved with a good tire management program that includes the use of quality retreads.

Retreads are the replacement tires of choice for most truckers. Of nearly 34 million replacement tires purchased by fleets in 2003, more than half were retreads.

Retreads are not only cost effective, but they are dependable, reliable and safe.

#### WHO BENEFITS FROM USING RETREADED TIRES

- Nearly 100 percent of the world's airlines use retreaded tires.
- 80 percent of the tires used by the commercial aviation industry are retreaded tires.
- Nearly 100 percent of off-the-road, heavy duty vehicles use retreaded tires.
- School buses and municipal vehicles use retreaded tires.
- Federal and military vehicles, including those operated by the U.S. Postal Service, use retreaded truck and aircraft tires.
- Trucking fleets and overnight delivery vehicles use retreaded tires.
- Fire trucks, and other emergency vehicles use retreaded tires.
- Farm tractors and other agricultural equipment use retreaded tires.

#### **SAFETY FEATURES**

- Retreaded tires can be driven at the same legal speeds as comparable new tires with no loss in safety, performance, or comfort.
- Commercial aircraft retreads are approved by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- Military aircraft retreads are approved by the various military services.
- Retreaded truck tires are manufactured according to rigorous industry recommended practices.

#### **ECONOMIC BENEFITS**

- Retreaded tires give the same mileage as comparable new tires, at a *lower cost-per-mile*.
- The cost of a retreaded tire will generally be from 30 to 50 percent less than the cost of a new tire. This translates to billions of dollars of savings for consumers and trucking fleets every year.
- Steel belted radials are routinely retreaded and are available with all types of tread patterns, including all-season and mud & snow tread patterns.
- Retreading greatly reduces solid waste disposal problems. Every tire retreaded is a tire saved from the landfill.
- Energy savings. Retreading conserves hundreds of millions of gallons of oil every year. Tires are basically petro-chemical products. It takes

100 litres of oil to manufacture one new truck tire. Most of the oil is found in the casing, which is reused in the retreading process. As a result, it takes only 32 litres of oil to produce a retread.

- Retreading is truly recycling!
- Approximately 70 percent of the cost of a new tire is in the tire body.
   With proper maintenance, retreading permits the continued use of your important investment. Truck tires can often be retreaded several times.
- Retreaded tires generally carry a warranty comparable to that of a new tire.

RETREADS, YOUR BEST TIRE VALUE!

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### **NEXT TREAD PRODUCT RANGE**

Today's operators are keenly aware of the value that top quality retreads can provide.

And to meet that demand with products of ever-higher quality, Next Tread now offers a premium range of retread tires covering the various application and service types.

### **LONG HAUL APPLICATION**

**FEATURES AND BENEFITS** 

### **NEXT TREAD LHD - DRIVE AXLE PATTERN**

The NT LHD has a high net-to-gross ratio and a wide tread to spread the load evenly over the road/tire contact area for uniform wear and more kilometres.

Deep, high-density zig-zag grooves and staggered blocks give excellent traction and braking performance in wet conditions.

The tires semi-open shoulder and optimised block sequence reduce noise.



### **NEXT TREAD 452 - DRIVE AXLE PATTERN**

The directional design provides superb traction (even in winter conditions), reduced noise and excellent handling.

The 6 rib configuration combined to high block density result in high mileage potential and even wear - making the NT 452 an excellent choice for Long Haul applications.



### **NEXT TREAD LHT - TRAILER AXLE PATTERN**

The NT LHT features a wide tread width with high net-to-gross for maximum mileage.

Robust rib design and wide shoulder ribs result in even wear pattern.

High load capacity and low diameter make the NT LHT an optimum choice for Long Haul trailer application.





### **NEXT TREAD 252 - TRAILER AXLE PATTERN**

Wide footprint for even ground pressure distribution and wear pattern throughout tire life.

Large grooves with specific geometry reduce stone holding and allow for excellent water dispersion.

The robust rib design results in optimized resistance to chipping/chunking and provides excellent mileage performance.



Size	LI/SS	Drive Axle	Trailer Axle
315/80R22.5	156/150 L	NT LHD, NT452	
295/80R22.5	152/148 L	NT LHD, NT452	
315/70R22.5	154/150 L	NT LHD, NT452	
435/50R19.5	160 J		NT LHT
385/65R22.5	160 K		NT LHT, NT252

### **REGIONAL HAUL APPLICATION**

**FEATURES AND BENEFITS** 

#### **NEXT TREAD RHD - DRIVE AXLE PATTERN**

The NT RHD block design is optimized to provide excellent traction combined to stability.

The specific groove shape minimize stone holding and ensure maximum water dispersal in wet conditions.

The wide tread width combined to high net-to gross and high profile depth makes the NT RHD on excellent choice for Regional Haul applications.



### NEXT TREAD 442 - DRIVE AXLE PATTERN

The directional pattern provides excellent traction while maintaining even wear and low noise levels.

The deep pattern design leads to very high mileage potential throughout the total tire life.

Open block structure and deep sipes give outstanding grip especially in wintry conditions.



### **NEXT TREAD RHT - TRAILER AXLE PATTERN**

Robust rib type trailer design with high wearable rubber volume for optimum mileage performance.

Solid shoulder ribs and bladed centerline ribs result in even wear pattern while also assuring excellent wet traction.





### **NEXT TREAD 242 - TRAILER AXLE PATTERN**

The NT 242 features a wide, 5 rib tread design with massive shoulder ribs, resulting in excellent damage (chip/chunk) resistance.

The high profile depth and even ground pressure distribution provide excellent mileage performance as well as even wear throughout the tire life.



Size	LI/SS	Drive Axle	Trailer Axle
315/80R22.5	156/150 L	NT RHD, NT442	
295/80R22.5	152/148 L	NT RHD, NT442	
315/70R22.5	154/150 L	NT RHD, NT442	
385/65R22.5	160 K		NT RHT, NT242



### **MIXED SERVICE APPLICATION**

**FEATURES AND BENEFITS** 

### **NEXT TREAD MSD - DRIVE AXLE PATTERN**

Solid blocks provide optimum damage resistance and assure excellent traction capabilities.

The groove layout is specifically designed for optimum traction and self-cleaning while minimising stone holding.

The NT MSD features open shoulder block design combined with connected centerline blocks, resulting in even wear pattern and high mileage performance.



### **NEXT TREAD MST - TRAILER AXLE PATTERN**

The NT MST trailer tire features large solid shoulder ribs combined with two rows of centerline blocks.

This combination allows optimum traction performance and excellent mileage in mixed service trailer application.

The tread pattern geometry is specifically designed for excellent resistance to chipping/chunking.



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### **CITY APPLICATION**

**FEATURES AND BENEFITS** 

### **NEXT TREAD MCS - ALL POSITION PATTERN**

The NT MCS features a 5 bladed rib design, a wide tread width and high profile depth - resulting in excellent mileage performance and even wear pattern.

The bladed design also provides optimum performances in both wet and dry road conditions.

The "reinforced" sidewall, protecting the tire against "scuffing" is an additional feature which makes the NT MCS an optimum tire for city application.



### **NEXT TREAD 741 CITY - ALL POSITION PATTERN**

Wide and deep tread to optimise mileage potential.

Substantial sidewall protection bands with wear indicators on both sides help to minimise kerbing damage.

Pattern designed to minimise noise.



Size	LI/SS	ALL POSITIONS
275/70R22.5	148/145 J	NT MCS, NT741 CITY