# **Technical Bulletin**



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## TIRE MOUNTING INFORMATION

**APPLIED VEHICLES:** All Nissan

#### SERVICE INFORMATION

- When mounting tires to wheels, it is important that the tire bead is seated correctly.
- A tire bead that is not seated correctly may cause a vehicle vibration.
- High performance tires and tires with shorter sidewalls (low aspect tires) may require more care to make sure the tire bead is seated correctly.
- Follow the Tire Mounting Tips in this bulletin.

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## **Tire Mounting Tips:**

**NOTE:** These tips are <u>not</u> intended to be a complete instruction for mounting tires to wheels. Make sure to read and follow the instruction for your specific tire service equipment.

- 1. Clean the tire bead with an approved rubber cleaning fluid.
  - Rubber cleaning fluid is a locally sourced common product used in the tire service process.
- 2. Clean the wheel (flange and bead seat area), see Figure 2. Make sure to clean off all rust and corrosion.
- 3. Apply an approved tire lubricant to the tire and wheel in the areas shown in Figures 1 and 2.
  - Tire lubricant is a locally sourced common product used in the tire service process.

#### Tire:

- Apply lube to the inner bead only, of both beads.
- **Do not** apply lube to the flange area (outer bead area).

**NOTE:** Too much tire lubricant may allow the tire to slip on the rim while driving. If this occurs, the tire may become unbalanced.

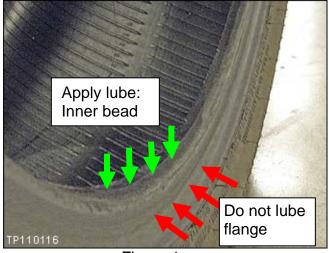


Figure 1

### Wheel:

- Apply lube to the <u>Safety Humps</u> and <u>Bead Seating</u> area.
- **Do not** apply lube to the flange area.

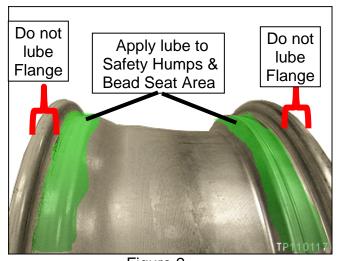


Figure 2

4. Before inflating the tire:

• If there are "match-mount" marks on the tire and rim, align the marks.

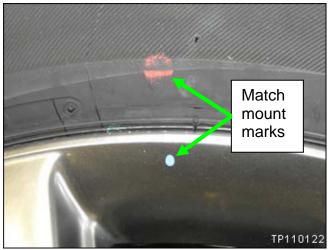


Figure 3

 Make sure the tire is evenly positioned on the lower safety humps.



Figure 4

5. **WARNING**: Do not exceed the tire manufactures recommended bead seating inflation pressure. Generally this is 40psi.

If the bead does not seat with the appropriate pressure:

- a. Break down the tire/rim assembly.
- b. Re-apply lubricant as shown in Figures 1 and 2 on page 2.
- c. Remount the tire.

- 6. After inflating the tires, inspect the bead area.
  - Make sure bead is seated uniformly (the same) around the entire circumference of the wheel.

**NOTE:** Many tires have Aligning Rings that will help confirm the bead is uniformly seated.

If uniform; bead is seated correctly.

#### If not uniform;

- 1. Break down the tire/rim assembly.
- 2. Re-apply lubricant as shown in Figures 1 and 2 on page 2.
- 3. Remount the tire.



Figure 5

- 7. After the tire/wheel is balanced, apply an index mark to the tire at the location of the valve stem (see Figure 6).
  - This index mark will allow you to tell if the tire has slipped on the rim (see Figure 7).

## **Tire to Rim Slippage:**

- Too much tire lubricant may allow the tire to slip on the rim while driving. If this occurs, the tire may become un-balanced.
- Overtime the tire lubricate will dry, eliminating the lubricant as a cause of tire slippage.
- Some tire lubricants may require up to 24 hours to completely dry.
- If slippage occurs, the tire/wheel will need to be re-balanced.

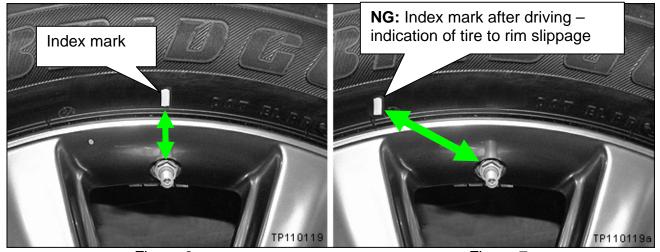


Figure 6 Figure 7

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