

Driving in the Rain

5 Tips for Staying in Control

With spring showers on the way, drivers can stay safer on the road by following a few useful tips.

1 Two on the Back
If you can only afford to replace two tires, replace the most worn tires and put the new ones on the rear. The back two tires are most critical for keeping the car going in a straight line to avoid fishtailing.

2 Feeling out of Touch?
Is the steering looser than normal? Are you sliding when you brake? If so, your tires could be losing their grip and you might be hydroplaning. Best to reduce your speed.

3 Cautious from the Start
It doesn't have to be raining for long to compromise traction. When the first rain falls, the water can mix with oil and dust to create a slick surface. Slow down as soon as it begins to rain.

4 Losing Speed?
If you're pushing the accelerator and not going faster or slowing down while consistently holding the accelerator, you're likely losing traction. It's time to ease off the gas and resume a slower, safer speed.

5 Seeing the Whole Picture
To properly inspect your tires for traction, turn the wheel so you can see the whole tire. The tread could be worn on the inside. If you just look at the side, you might not catch a trouble spot.

TURN THE WHEEL OUT
CHECK WHOLE TREAD

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