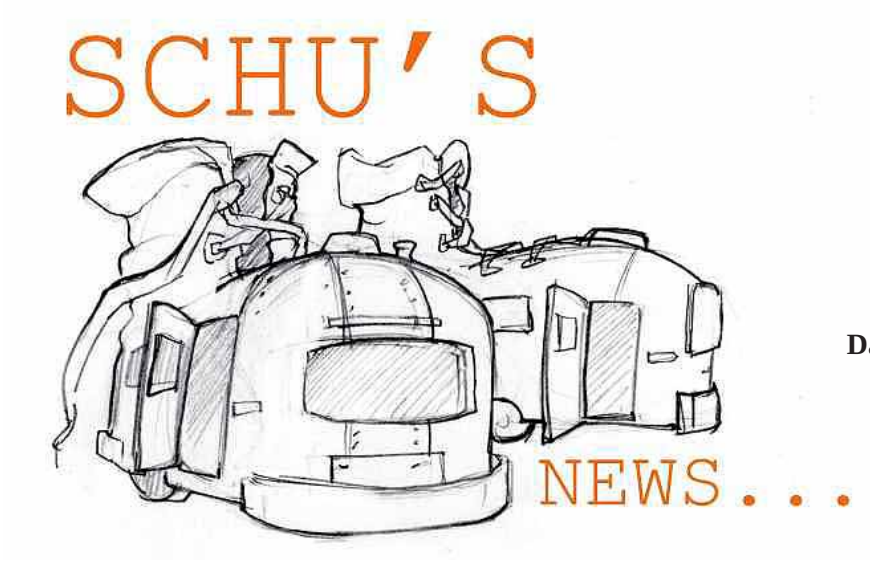

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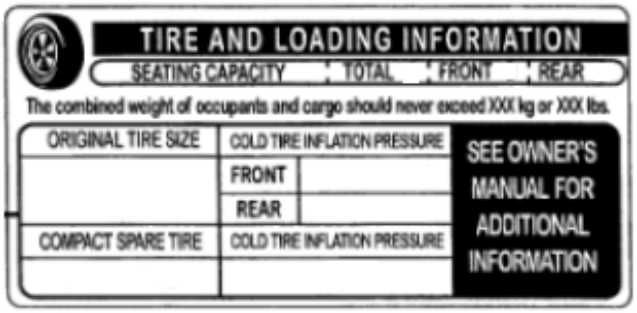
Hey Mabel, what's that label?

Beginning September 1, 2005 all recreation vehicle manufacturers building travel trailers or motor homes weighing 10,000 lbs. (4536 Kgs.) or less are required to attach a tire loading placard on their vehicles adjacent to the Federal Certification Plate or Label. The purpose of this tire placard is to alert consumers to the weight of cargo they can safely add to their vehicle and not exceed the load carrying capacity of their tires. This figure is computed by subtracting the unloaded vehicle weight (the weight of the unit as shipped from the factory) of the trailer or motor home from the unit's GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating). On motor homes the unloaded vehicle weight of the unit would include full gasoline or diesel fuel. The cargo figure on the placard is the maximum additional weight that can be loaded on the tires and would include: weight for customer installed options, weight of water and L.P. gas, weight of carry-on cargo (food, clothing etc.) and the weight of passengers in the case of motor homes. It is hoped that this placard will lessen the chances of accidents due to overloaded tires.

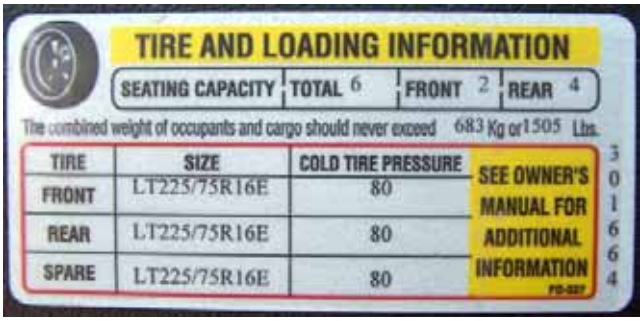
Tire Information Placards

- **Recommended Tire Size**
- **Recommended Tire Inflation Pressure**
- **Vehicle Capacity Weight**
(VCW -the maximum occupant and cargo weight a vehicle is designed to carry.)
- **Front & Rear Gross Axle Weight Ratings**
(GAWR- the maximum weight the axle systems are designed to carry.)



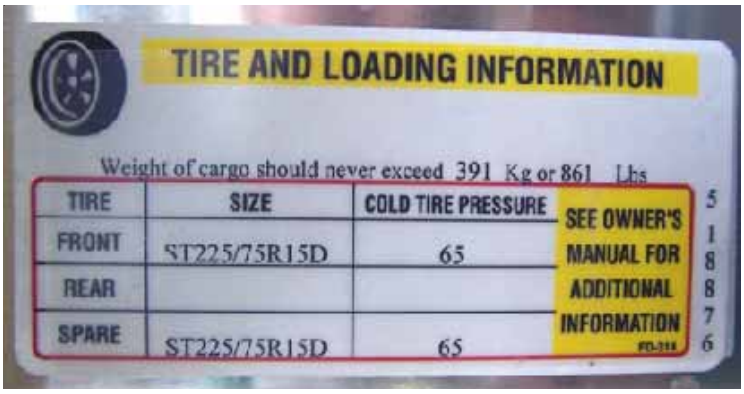
Motor Homes

Locations: Both Tire Information placards and Federal Certification labels are permanently attached to the vehicle driver's side door interior panel on the Class B motorhomes and on the driver's side top dash on Class A motorhomes. You can also find the recommended tire pressure and load limit for your vehicle in the vehicle owner's manual.

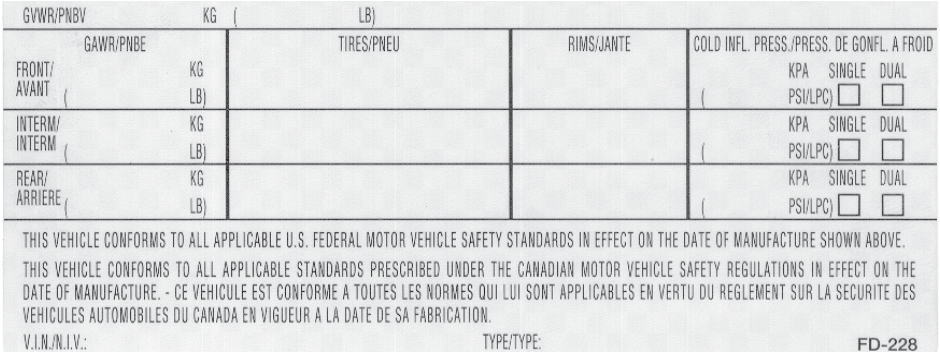


Travel Trailers

Location: The Tire Information Label and the Vehicle Certification Label are permanently attached to the trailer on the forward half of the left side and are easily readable from outside the vehicle without moving any part of the vehicle. You can also find the recommended tire pressure and load limit for your vehicle in the owner's manual.



Federal Certification Label for Motorized product



Blank Federal Certification Label

Example Federal Certification Label

On the back of a van

Seen on the back of a van in Rochester, New York: Caution: Blind Man Driving

Printed on the side of the van (after passing it to see who might be driving):Rochester Venetian Blind Co.

Have great a month and I'll see you on down the road.

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