



# BUSTING THE MYTHS about retreading



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## Retreads litter our roads.

**FACT: Those rubber gators on the road with all the wire? Not often retreads.**

There's one way to determine if rubber scraps on the road are retreads. Look closely. Many of those gators contain wire. And there's no wire in the rubber retreaders use. In fact, the scrap rubber you see is almost always the result of a casing failure, not a retread failure.



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## They're not safe.

**FACT: Here's a testament to safety: nearly every major airline trusts retreads.**

Today's sophisticated retreads are nothing like their predecessors.

In fact, they're so safe, school bus fleets rely on them. Even fighter jet pilots count on them. And you can imagine the stress jet tires undergo on takeoffs and landings.



▶ **Nearly 80 percent of all aircraft tires now in service in the United States are retreads, according to the Tire Retread & Repair Information Bureau.**




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# They're ugly.

**FACT:** In a blind beauty contest, most truckers can't tell the difference.

The appearance of a finished retread has a lot to do with the skill and thoroughness of the retreader. That's why truckers choose high-performance retreads, like Bandag, that have the quality looks of a new tire.



▶ **When you add up all the scrap tires retreads save from landfills, they're actually a thing of beauty.**



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## Only new will do.

**FACT:** For some, “newness” is important. But remember, retreads last as long as most new tires.

You can expect today’s new breed of retreads to perform equal to, if not better than, a quality new tire. And they’ll certainly outperform a cheap one. Proof it never pays to skimp.

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- ▶ **Retreads sell for less – usually between 30 to 50 percent of the comparable new tire price.**

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## They're mileage munchers.

**FACT: A quality retread delivers mileage on par with many new tires. Hit the road, "myth."**

Just as new tire mileage varies widely, so does retread mileage. The reason is due to a complex mix of tread compounding, tread weight, tread design and casing structure. That's a lot to think about.

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## Bad tread, bad casing.

**FACT: A casing can still be good long after your tread wears.**

A tire casing doesn't wear out like a tread does. So with proper maintenance you can expect to get multiple lives out of a quality casing. The key is using a "quality" casing, like Bridgestone.

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- ▶ **Professional retreaders adhere to stringent industry practices at every step of the retreading process.**
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## They plain don't perform

**FACT:** Try telling that to the top competitors at major U.S. on and off-road races.

High-quality retreads have taken all the punishment that professional off-road races could dish out. They've also run grueling 24 hour races and even cruised to over 150 mph on a heavy truck at the Bonneville Salt Flats.

▶ **Retread truck tires save the trucking industry over \$3 billion each year, according to the Tire Retread & Repair Information Bureau.**





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## Heat kills 'em.

**FACT:** The notion that retread bonds will fail on hot days? An old wives' tale.

Sure, heat can ruin any tire, new or not. Few would argue that. But in most cases that heat is due to underinflation. That's why proper inflation is so important, no matter what kind of tire you're running.



# Retread Instead

Still believe those old wives' tales about retreads? If so, you're falling for an expensive load of baloney. Today's retread is a new breed, helping savvy business owners get new tire performance at a fraction of the price.

Most major truck fleets are on board, as are most airlines, construction companies, farmers and even school buses. Safety, durability, mileage and performance are all there, at less than half the cost of new tires.

The main reason to rethink retreads is a simple one – you can't afford to let old myths mess with your tire budget. In fact, the more you know about retreads, the more they just make sense. Because along with fuel, tire costs are one of your highest expenditures. Reducing your costs means higher profits.



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