

## LIMITED WARRANTY

Novae LLC ("Manufacturer") warrants to the original consumer purchaser that the trailer produced by the Manufacturer (the "product") will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of one, three, or five years, depending upon the trailer model and component, except as herein limited, from the date of the first retail purchase, provided all stated conditions and exclusions are satisfied. This warranty is limited to the first retail purchaser and it is not transferrable or applicable to rental trailers.

#### **Five Year Warranty:**

A five-year limited warranty is available on the following steel framed product models, and their variants: Pro Series®, CXT, Moab, Pro GT. This limited warranty is limited to the overall frame structure and associated frame components which includes: main rails, crossmembers, vertical posts, roof bows, tongue, A-frame, door frame, coupler, headers, and welds.

## **Three Year Warranty:**

A three-year limited warranty is available on the following steel framed product models, and their variants: EX, XL Series, Landscaper, AX. This limited warranty is limited to the overall frame structure and associated frame components which includes: main rails, crossmembers, vertical posts, roof bows, tongue, A-frame, door frame, coupler, headers, and welds.

#### One Year Warranty on other Aspects on Cargo Express Trailers:

Regardless of the product model, the warranty is limited to one year for the windows, doors, aluminum, plastics or TPO products, plumbing, cabinets, trim, electrical, stone guard, floor coverings, sealants, improper application of paint or undercoat, and lights. Aftermarket products installed or applied by Manufacturer are excluded from this warranty but may be warranted by the applicable supplier.

#### **Submit/Return Warranty Card for Coverage**

The original purchaser must complete and return the warranty card provided with the product to the manufacturer within 30 days of purchase, or <u>submit the warranty card information online</u>, or this limited warranty will be null and void. In addition to validating your warranty coverage, returning the registration card or submitting information online will allow Manufacturer to provide you with notice of any condition Manufacturer may need to supply after you have purchased the product.

## Action Required in the Event of a Defect

For Warranty coverage, you must immediately contact the dealer from which your unit was purchased to make a warranty claim. The dealer that sold you the trailer will initiate the claims process in order to obtain approval for warranty work. Some parts or accessories may need to be replaced by third party suppliers, and in some cases the defective part may need to be returned for reimbursement or inspection. Prior to warranty repairs, dealer must verify unit number, purchase date, and original ownership. The dealer must obtain an authorization number from the Manufacturer prior to repair of the trailer. You must pay all incidental expenses incurred in obtaining warranty service, including, without limitation, transportation of the product and delivery charges to and from the dealer or Manufacturer.

If the product is found to be defective in materials or workmanship, all repairs must be performed by the Manufacturer or an authorized repair center. All warranty work performed must be pre-approved by Manufacturer, or Manufacturer reserves the right to deny coverage. Manufacturer is not responsible for costs relating to transportation of the affected product or responsible for damages to goods stored inside of the product. Manufacturer's obligations under this warranty shall be limited to repairing or replacing any part or parts which, in the opinion of the Manufacturer, shall prove defective in materials or workmanship under normal use and service during the applicable five, three, or one-year period commencing with the date of the first retail purchase and no other remedy is available.

### **Items Excluded from Warranty**

- 1. Defects in separately manufactured products not produced by Manufacturer such as, but not limited to, hydraulic hoists, air conditioning units, cargo holding devices, axles, brakes and lights, ramp door springs, electric winches, tires and wheels and all other components not manufactured by Manufacturer.
- 2. Damage or deterioration due to normal wear and tear, salt, road grime, application of or exposure to corrosive chemicals or other corrosive materials (including without limitation magnesium chloride, calcium chloride, fertilizer, urea, or lime), or arising from an accident or use of the product. Manufacturer reserves the right to test individual parts for chemical exposure; these materials are extremely corrosive to all metals and damages arising from exposure to them is not covered by this warranty.
- 3. Defects arising from operator's negligence, misuse, abuse, loading the unit beyond its gross weight limitations, improper loading, accidents, acts of God, roof damage from excessive snow/ice buildup, or other contingencies beyond the control of Manufacturer.
- 4. Repairs made necessary by reason of failure to follow ordinary and customary maintenance procedures, including procedures recommended by Manufacturer or component manufacturers.
- Repairs made necessary by reason of repairs or alterations or installation of aftermarket accessories not performed by Manufacturer.
- 6. Damage as a result of towing your trailer with a truck rating greater than 1 ton unless said unit has a GVWR greater than 10,000# and is designed to be towed by a vehicle up to 5 tons. Towing your trailer behind a semi or dump truck or other inappropriate vehicle voids this warranty.
- 7. "Screwless" or "Bonded" trailers that have panels come loose from the sidewalls are not covered under warranty. The remedy

for this situation is to have the seams screwed. The manufacturer will send screws directly to the customer to repair themselves. No labor will be paid. The manufacturer will also send screws to a dealer to install where normal warranty rates apply.

8. "Blackout package" -- Chips, scratches, or damage that remove the black coating from the aluminum may occur during normal use. Loss of coating on moving parts, i.e., bar locks, hasps, hinges may also occur through normal use. If a loss of coating occurs, there is no process to reapply the coating in the affected areas. Black paint can be applied to the affected areas. However, there will be no reimbursement for touch up paint or the labor to apply the paint.

## **Disclaimer of Implied Warranties and Limitations of Damages**

Any express or implied warranty not provided herein, including without implied limitation, any warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, and any remedy for breach of contract, which but for this provision might arise by implication or operation of law, are hereby excluded and disclaimed. If they cannot be disclaimed, any implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for any particular purpose are expressly limited to the applicable one year, three year or five-year term depending upon the trailer model and component. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts so the preceding limitation my not apply to you.

Under no circumstances shall manufacturer be liable to purchaser or any other person for any special, incidental, or consequential damages, whether arising out of breach of warranty, breach of contract, tort, or otherwise. Such damages include, but are not limited to, transportation to and from the dealer or manufacturer to get warranty service, loss of time, loss of use, loss of revenues, salaries or commissions, lodging, towing charges, bus fares, car rentals, gasoline expense, telephone charges, inconvenience, and the cost of repairing or replacing other property which is damaged because of a defect in the product. Manufacturer is not responsible for any down time, lost profits, punitive, indirect or direct damages arising from the time associated with paint or other repairs. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages so the preceding limitation may not apply to you.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, this limited warranty is limited to repair or replacement and if such warranty fails because attempts at repair are not completed within a reasonable time, or it fails for any other reason, any damages are limited to lesser of either the cost of needed repairs or reductions in the market value of the trailer caused by the lack of repairs, in any case.

No dealer, distributor, agent, representative of Manufacturer, or other person is authorized to make any representation or a promise of warranty concerning Manufacturer's products on behalf of the Manufacturer except to refer the purchaser to this Limited Warranty.

## **Legal Remedies of Purchaser**

This warranty provides specific legal rights. You may have additional rights not included in this warranty which vary from state to state. No action to enforce this warranty shall begin more than six months after a defect is discovered and shall not commence after expiration of the stated warranty period.

## Tire Safety: Everything Rides on It

The National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published a brochure (DOT HS 809 361) that discusses all aspects of Tire safety, as required by CFR 575.6. This brochure is reproduced in part below. It can be obtained and downloaded from NHTSA, free of charge, from the following web site:

#### http://www.nhtsa.gov/cars/rules/tiresafety/ridesonit/tires index.html

Studies of tire safety show that maintaining proper tire pressure, observing tire and vehicle load limits (not carrying more weight in your vehicle than your tires or vehicle can safely handle), avoiding road hazards, and inspecting tires for cuts, slashes, and other irregularities are the most important things you can do to avoid tire failure, such as tread separation or blowout and flat tires. These actions, along with other care and maintenance activities, can also:

- · Improve vehicle handling
- Help protect you and others from avoidable breakdowns and accidents
- Improve fuel economy
- · Increase the life of your tires

The following information presents a comprehensive overview of tire safety, including information on the following topics:

- Basic tire maintenance
- · Uniform Tire Quality Grading System
- · Fundamental characteristics of tires
- · Tire safety tips

Use this information to make tire safety a regular part of your vehicle maintenance routine. Recognize that the time you spend is minimal compared with the inconvenience and safety consequences of a flat tire or other tire failure.

## **Safety First-Basic Tire Maintenance**

Properly maintained tires improve the steering, stopping, traction, and load-carrying capability of your vehicle. Underinflated tires and overloaded vehicles are a major cause of tire failure. Therefore, as mentioned above, to avoid flat tires and other types of tire failure, you should maintain proper tire pressure, observe tire and vehicle load limits, avoid road hazards, and regularly inspect your tires.

# Finding Your Vehicle's Recommended Tire Pressure and Load Limits

Tire information placards and vehicle certification labels contain information on tires and load limits. These labels indicate the vehicle manufacturer's information including:

- Recommended tire size
- Recommended tire inflation pressure
- Vehicle capacity weight (VCW-the maximum occupant and cargo weight a vehicle is designed to carry)
- Front and rear gross axle weight ratings (GAWR- the maximum weight the axle systems are designed to carry).

Both placards and certification labels are permanently attached to the trailer near the left front

## **Understanding Tire Pressure and Load Limits**

Tire inflation pressure is the level of air in the tire that provides it with load-carrying capacity and affects the overall performance of the vehicle. The tire inflation pressure is a number that indicates the amount of air pressure—measured in pounds per square inch (psi)—a tire requires to be properly inflated. (You will also find this number on the vehicle information placard expressed in kilopascals (kPa), which is the metric measure used internationally.)

Manufacturers of passenger vehicles and light trucks determine this number based on the vehicle's design load limit, that is, the greatest amount of weight a vehicle can safely carry and the vehicle's tire size. The proper tire pressure for your vehicle is referred to as the "recommended cold inflation pressure." (As you will read below, it is difficult to obtain the recommended tire pressure if your tires are not cold.)

Because tires are designed to be used on more than one type of vehicle, tire manufacturers list the "maximum permissible inflation pressure" on the tire sidewall. This number is the greatest amount of air pressure that should ever be put in the tire under normal driving conditions.

## **Checking Tire Pressure**

It is important to check your vehicle's tire pressure at least once a month for the following reasons:

- Most tires may naturally lose air over time.
- Tires can lose air suddenly if you drive over a pothole or other object or if
  you strike the curb when parking.
- With Radial tires, it is usually not possible to determine under inflation by visual inspection.

For convenience, purchase a tire pressure gauge to keep in your vehicle. Gauges can be purchased at tire dealerships, auto supply stores, and other retail outlets.

The recommended tire inflation pressure that vehicle manufacturers provide reflects the proper psi when a tire is cold. The term cold does not relate to the outside temperature. Rather, a cold tire is one that has not been driven on for at least three hours. When you drive, your tires get warmer, causing the air pressure within them to increase. Therefore, to get an accurate tire pressure reading, you must measure tire pressure when the tires are cold or compensate for the extra pressure in warm tires.

## **Steps for Maintaining Proper Tire Pressure**

- Step 1: Locate the recommended tire pressure on the vehicle's tire information placard or certification label.
- Step 2: Record the tire pressure of all tires.
- Step 3: If the tire pressure is too high in any of the tires, slowly release air by gently pressing on the tire valve stem with the edge of your tire gauge until you get to the correct pressure.
- Step 4: If the tire pressure is too low, note the difference between the
  measured tire pressure and the correct tire pressure. These "missing" pounds of
  pressure are what you will need to add.
- Step 5: At a service station, add the missing pounds of air pressure to each tire that is underinflated.
- Step 6: Check all the tires to make sure they have the same air pressure (except in cases in which the front and rear tires are supposed to have different amounts of pressure).

If you have been driving your vehicle and think that a tire is underinflated, fill it to the recommended cold inflation pressure indicated on your vehicle's tire information placard or certification label. While your tire may still be slightly underinflated due to the extra pounds of pressure in the warm tire, it is safer to drive with air pressure that is slightly lower than the vehicle manufacturer's recommended cold inflation pressure than to drive with a significantly underinflated tire. Since this is a temporary fix, don't forget to recheck and adjust the tire's pressure when you can obtain a cold reading.

## **Tire Size**

To maintain tire safety, purchase new tires that are the same size as the vehicle's original tires, or another size recommended by the manufacturer. Look at the tire information placard or the sidewall of the tire you are replacing to find this information. If you have any doubt about the correct size to choose, consult with the tire dealer.

## Tire Tread

The tire tread provides the gripping action and traction that prevent your vehicle from slipping or sliding, especially when the road is wet or icy. In general, tires are not safe and should be replaced when the tread is worn down to 1/16 of an inch. Tires have built-in tread wear indicators that let you know when it is time to replace your tires. These indicators are raised sections spaced intermittently in the bottom of the tread grooves. When they appear "even" with the outside of the tread, it is time to replace your tires. Another method for checking tread depth is to place a penny in the tread with Lincoln's head upside down and facing you. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head, you are ready for new tires.

## Tire Balance and Wheel Alignment

To avoid vibration or shaking of the vehicle when a tire rotates, the tire must be properly balanced. This balance is achieved by positioning weights on the wheel to counterbalance heavy spots on the wheel-and-tire assembly. A wheel alignment adjusts the angles of the wheels so that they are positioned correctly relative to the vehicle's frame. This adjustment maximizes the life of your tires and prevents your car from veering to the right or left when driving on a straight, level road. These adjustments require special equipment and should be performed by a qualified

technician.

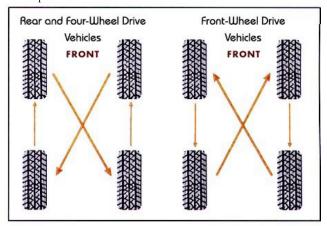
## **Tire Rotation**

Rotating tires from front to back and from side to side can reduce irregular wear (for vehicles that have tires that are all the same size.) Look in your owner's manual for information on how frequently the tires on your vehicle should be rotated and the best pattern for rotations.

Be aware that some tires may have a on-directional tread pattern that requires them to be operated in one-direction. Therefore, these tires should only be rotated from front to back on the same side of the vehicle.

#### A Tire Rotation Example

For maximum mileage, rotate your tires every 5,000 miles. Follow correct rotation patterns.



## Tire Repair

The proper repair of a punctured tire requires a plug for the hole and a patch for the area inside the tire that surrounds the puncture hole. Punctures through the tread can be repaired if they are not too large, but punctures to the sidewall should not be repaired. Tires must be removed from the rim to be properly inspected before being plugged and patched.

## **Uniform Tire Quality Grading System (UTQGS)**

To help consumers compare a passenger car tire's tread wear rate, traction performance, and temperature resistance, the federal government requires tire manufacturers to grade tires in these three areas. This grading system, known as the Uniform Tire Quality Grading System, provides guidelines for making relative comparisons when purchasing new tires. You also can use this information to inquire about the quality of tires placed on new vehicles.

Although this rating system is very helpful when buying new tires, it is not a safety rating or guarantee of how well a tire will perform or how long it will last. Other factors such as personal driving style, type of car, quality of the roads, and tire maintenance habits have a significant influence on your tire's performance and longevity.

### **Treadwear Grade**

Tread wear grades are an indication of a tire's relative wear rate. The higher the tread wear number is, the longer it should take for the tread to wear down. For example, a tire grade of 400 should wear twice as long as a tire grade of 200.

## **Traction Performance Grade**

Traction grades are an indication of a tire's ability to stop on wet pavement. A higher graded tire should allow you to stop your car on wet roads in a shorter distance than a tire with a lower grade. Traction is graded from highest to lowest as "AA", "A", "B", and "C".

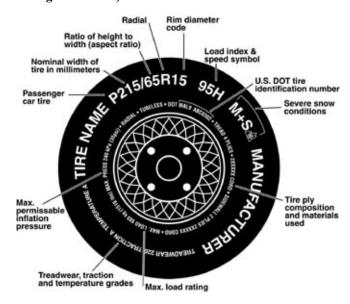
#### Temperature Resistance Grade

Temperature grades are an indication of a tire's resistance to heat. Sustained high temperature (for example, driving long distances in hot weather), can cause a tire to deteriorate, leading to blowouts and tread separation. From highest to lowest, a tire's resistance to heat is graded as "A", "B", or "C".

## **Tire Fundamentals**

Federal law requires tire manufacturers to place standardized information on the sidewall of all tires. This information identifies and describes the fundamental characteristics of the tire and also provides a tire identification number for safety standard certification and in case of a recall.

## Information on Passenger Vehicle Tires (Please refer to the diagram below.)



#### p

The "P" indicates the tire is for passenger vehicles.

#### **Nominal Width**

This three-digit number gives the width in millimeters of the tire from sidewall edge to sidewall edge. In general, the larger the number, the wider the tire.

#### **Aspect Ratio**

This two-digit number, known as the aspect ratio, gives the tire's ratio of height to width. Numbers of 70 or lower indicate a short sidewall for improved steering response and better overall handling on dry pavement.

#### R

"R" stands for radial. Radial ply construction of tires has been the industry standard for the past 20 years.

## **Rim Diameter Code**

This two-digit number is the wheel or rim diameter in inches. If you change your wheel size, you will have to purchase new tires to match the new wheel diameter.

## **Load Index**

This two- or three-digit number is the tire's load index. It is a measurement of how much weight each tire can support. Note: You may not find this information on all tires because it is not required by law.

#### **Severe Snow Conditions**

The "M+S" or "M/S" indicates that the tire has some mud and snow capability.

Most radial tires have these markings; hence, they have some mud and snow capability.

#### **Speed Rating**

The speed rating denotes the speed at which a tire is designed to be driven for extended periods of time. Please remember, no trailer is to be hauled at speeds exceeding 60MPH.

## **U.S. DOT Tire Identification Number**

This begins with the letters "DOT" and indicates that the tire meets all federal standards. The next two numbers or letters are the plant code where it was manufactured, and the last four numbers represent the week and year the tire was built. For example, the numbers 3197 mean the 31st week of 1997. The other numbers are marketing codes used at the manufacturer's discretion. This information is used to contact consumers if a tire defect requires a recall.

#### **Tire Ply Composition and Materials Used**

The number of plies indicates the number of layers of rubber-coated fabric in the tire. In general, the greater the number of plies, the more weight a tire can support. Tire manufacturers also must indicate the materials in the tire, which include steel, nylon, polyester, and others.

#### **Maximum Load Rating**

This number indicates the maximum load in kilograms and pounds that can be carried by the tire.

### **Maximum Permissible Inflation Pressure**

This number is the greatest amount of air pressure that should ever be put in the tire under normal driving conditions.

## **UTQGS Information**

#### Tread wear Number

This number indicates the tire's wear rate. The higher the tread wear number is, the longer it should take for the tread to wear down. For example, a tire graded 400 should last twice as long as a tire graded 200.

#### **Traction Letter**

This letter indicates a tire's ability to stop on wet pavement. A higher graded tire should allow you to stop your car on wet roads in a shorter distance than a tire with a lower grade. Traction is graded from highest to lowest as "AA","A", "B", and "C".

#### **Temperature Letter**

This letter indicates a tire's resistance to heat. The temperature grade is for a tire that is inflated properly and not overloaded. Excessive speed, under inflation or excessive loading, either separately or in combination, can cause heat build-up and possible tire failure. From highest to lowest, a tire's resistance to heat is graded as "A", "B", or "C".

## **Tire Safety Tips**

### **Preventing Tire Damage**

- Slow down if you have to go over a pothole or other object in the road.
- Do not run over curbs, and try not to strike the curb when parking

#### Tire Safety Checklist

- Check tire pressure regularly (at least once a month), including the spare.
- Inspect tires for uneven wear patterns on the tread, cracks, foreign objects, or other signs of wear or trauma. Remove bits of glass and other foreign objects wedged in the tread.
- Make sure your tire valves have valve caps.
- Check tire pressure before going on a long trip.
- Do not overload your vehicle. Check the tire information placard for the maximum recommended load for the vehicle.
- If you are towing a trailer, remember that some of the weight of the loaded trailer is transferred to the towing vehicle.

## **Reporting Safety Defects**

If you believe that your vehicle has a defect that could cause a crash or could cause injury or death, you should immediately inform the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in addition to notifying Novae LLC at 1-800-372-1755.

If NHTSA receives similar complaints, it may open an investigation, and if it finds that a safety defect exists in a group of vehicles, it may order a recall and remedy campaign. However, NHTSA cannot become involved in individual problems between you, your dealer, or Novae LLC.

To contact NHTSA, you may either call the Vehicle Safety Hotline toll-free at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), go to http://www.safecar.gov.or write to:

Administrator
NHTSA
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

You can also obtain information about motor vehicles safety from <a href="http://www.safecar.gov">http://www.safecar.gov</a>.

## **Cargo Express Trailer Warranty Registration Form**

Owners Name:	Phone Number:	
Street:		
City, State Zip:		
Primary Use:		
Store and Location where purchased:		Delivery Date:
Store Representative:	Signature:	



Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ PLACE POSTAGE

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