

1 19A NCAC 03D .0538 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

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3 **19A NCAC 03D .0538 TIRES**

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5 (a) A vehicle shall be disapproved if:

6 (1) ~~Any~~any tire has cuts or snags that expose the ~~cords~~cords;

7 (2) ~~Any~~any tire has a visible bump, bulge, or knot apparently related to tread or sidewall separation  
8 or partial failure of the tire structure including bead ~~area~~area; or

9 (3) there is less than 2/32-inch tread at two or more locations around the circumference of the tire in  
10 two adjacent major tread grooves or if the tread wear indicators are in contact with the roadway at  
11 two or more locations around the circumference of the tire in two adjacent major tread grooves.

12 (b) Tire depth shall be measured by a tread depth gauge which shall be of a type calibrated in thirty-seconds of an  
13 inch. ~~Readings shall be taken in two adjacent tread grooves of the tire around the circumference of the tire.~~ Readings  
14 for a tire with a tread design that does not have two adjacent grooves near the center shall be taken at the center of  
15 the tire around the circumference of the tire. Each tire must be completely lifted from the ground for an inspection to  
16 be performed.

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18 *History Note: Authority G.S. 20-2; 20-39; ~~20-183.3(7)~~; 20-183.3(a)(7);*

19 *Eff. October 1, ~~1994~~.1994;*

20 *Readopted Eff. \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.*