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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, July 5 has the second in the Consumer Series dealing with car tires.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has a new proposal designed to help motorists buy the best possible tires for their cars. Ann Uccello, Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, discussed details of the regulation:

"Tires would be graded for use on 13, 14, and 15 inch rims. Grades for each area of performance - treadwear, traction and high speed performance - would be molded into the sidewall, and also indicated on a label attached to the tire's tread. That label would also contain, for the benefit of the prospective purchaser, an explanation of the grades as well as a statement that the tire meets Federal Safety standards. Grades for treadwear and traction would be based on comparison of performance with control tires specified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Grading for high speed performance would be determined by use of a laboratory test wheel."

Comments on the measure from the public and industry will be considered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - deadline, October 5. Tomorrow, another in the series on uniform tire quality grading.

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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