

# How to Buy Union Made Tires

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The U.S. Department of Transportation requires that all tires sold in the United States carry a code which shows, among other things, the company and plant that made the tire. The code would look like this: DOT BE XX XXX XXX.

The two symbols (either two letters or a letter and a number) which follow "DOT" indicate the company and the plant where a tire was manufactured. For example, the above code indicates a tire made by B. F. Goodrich in Tuscaloosa, AL. The following is a listing of all U.S. and Canadian unionized tire plants and their DOT codes. By comparing this list to the code on the tire you are buying, you can be certain you are getting a USW-made tire.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>City</b>
BE	B. F. Goodrich	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
BF	B. F. Goodrich	Woodburn, Ind.
VE, YE, YU,8B	Bridgestone/Firestone	Des Moines, Iowa
2M, 3M	Bridgestone/Firestone	Bloomington, Ill.
D2, E3, W1, Y7	Bridgestone/Firestone	Lavergne, Tenn.
2C, 4D, 5D	Bridgestone/Firestone	Morrison, Tenn.
UP	Cooper	Findlay, Ohio
UT	Cooper	Texarkana, Ark.
JU, PC, UK	Goodyear	Medicine Hat, Alberta
DY	Denman Tire	Warren, Ohio
JJ, MD, PU	Goodyear	Gadsden, Ala.
DA	Dunlop	Buffalo, N.Y.
JN, MJ, PY	Goodyear	Topeka, Kan.
JE, MC, PT	Goodyear	Danville, Va.
JT, MK, TA	Goodyear	Union City, Tenn.
JF, MM, PJ	Kelly-Springfield	Fayetteville, N.C.
CC	Yokohama Tire	Salem, Va.

In addition to company brands, these codes will also appear on "Associate Brand" and "Private Brand" tires manufactured at the above plants. The key, then, to being sure of getting a USW-made tire is the DOT code. Be sure and check it with this listing. (Per Jimmy, contact HR- Emily Silver / check USW site for US & Union made.)