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Truck/Bus Tire Tread Rubber Worn Color Appearance

The tread rubbers of Bridgestone, Firestone, and Dayton brand truck/bus tires incorporate various technologies to optimize traction, wear, and other tire performance criteria.

For those tires engineered with dual tread compounds, once the outer tread rubber (commonly referred to as cap compound) has worn away, the base tread rubber will become exposed and may be apparent (see examples below). Depending on the design, the base rubber may have a lighter or darker appearance than the outer tread rubber. This color difference is a cosmetic condition as long as the tire is not damaged, has adequate tread depth, and there is no condition that requires further evaluation with a tire service professional or would make it necessary to remove it from service.

