How to Change a Flat Tire

Step by step

1. Stop safely

Pull off the road onto flat, firm ground. Turn on the hazard lights and set the parking brake.

2. Get ready

Find the spare, jack and wheel wrench. Put something against the wheels on the other side to stop rolling.

3. Loosen the nuts

Loosen each wheel nut about a half turn while the wheel is still on the ground.

4. Jack up the car

Place the jack on the jack point shown in the manual. Raise the car until the flat tire is off the ground.

5. Swap the wheel

Remove the nuts and the flat wheel. Put on the spare and tighten the nuts by hand.

6. Lower and tighten

Lower the car, then tighten the nuts in a star pattern with the wrench.

7. Check and go

Put the flat and the tools away. Check the spare's pressure. Many spares have speed and distance limits.

8. Get it fixed

Have the flat repaired or replaced soon, and have the nuts checked again.

Never get under a car held only by a jack. If it is not safe, call roadside help.

Tip: Practice once at home, in daylight, so the first time is not on the roadside.

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