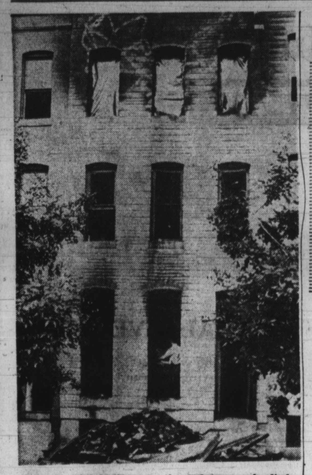

1530 N. BROADWAY is where three people died early Tuesday morning in a fire. Three other occupants managed to escape without serious injury. Police state the owner of the home, the Rev. Mrs. Beatrice Hinton was away at the time of the fire.

Financial experts discuss state debt

Financial experts from Baltimore and New York attended Tuesday's meeting of the Joint Budget and Audit Committee, according to Del. John W. Douglass, chairman.

Bond brokers and rating agents joined with committee members to discuss the state debt and ways by which it could be reached. Recommendations are to be made to Governor Mandel in August.

Del. Douglass told the AFRO, "Most of the recommendations will be general and very technical, but one will require a change in the Maryland Constitution."

The committee palns to make a proposal allowing the State 25 years to pay off its obligations instead of the present 15 years.

Also discussed were the costs of pupil transportation which currently run over $40 million annually.

According to Del. Douglass, recommendations will be made to iron out management problems and deficiencies in the State Department of Education.

Alliance demands decision reversal

The Baltimore Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression has demanded that the Baltimore City School Board reverse its decision to fire Superintendent Dr. Roland Patterson.

The organization, chaired by Dr. Mary Charleston, states that the board should give Dr. Patterson adequate time to respond to his evaluation under due process of law, and that all hearings should be made public.

It further demands that the present school board be abolished and that the Baltimore community be given the right to democratically elect its own board.

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In a recent press release, the Alliance termed the board' actions as "part of a racist offensive aimed at keeping the black community in Baltimore divided."

They cite the commissioners' actions, the political ousting of former State's Attorney Milton B. Allen and the drive to crush the teacher's union as being interrelated.

Alliance members also feel that the result of the "Dump Patterson" drive will be the erosion of all successful efforts made during the Patterson administration. These include regionalization, community control and quality integrated public education.

Sheraton has only black female chef

By Charles P. Scott II

The only female black chef in the city works for one of the largest hotel chains in the world.

The Sheraton Inn-Baltimore has had the honor of Mrs. Christine Thomas's services for the past 13 years.

Mrs. Thomas and her family have made Baltimore their home for 25 years and she has given freely of her services as chef to the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

She is known for her mastery of the culinary arts and has prepared meals for gatherings numbering 350 people while the dining room was filled to capacity.

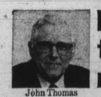
Mrs. Thomas just recently lost her husband, but her bright spirits and gentle manner predominate her kitchen at the Sheraton. Baltimore loves Christine.

SHERATON INN — BALTIMORE'S master chef, Mrs. Christine Thomas stands in front of the Orleans St. hotel.

Shell Information Series: Tires

"I'd like to help you squeeze extra mileage out of every tire."

By John Thomas, Shell Staff Engineer



John Thomas

Here are ways to get long life from your tires, and know what to look for when you replace them, no matter where you buy.

There are two major ways to save money on tires. First, get longer life from the tires you have. Second, start figuring out what kind of tire you'll need when it's time to buy new ones. First things first.

Under-inflated tires can cost you a small fortune

Tires carrying only 60 percent of recommended pressure can actually wear out twice as fast as properly inflated tires. That's an extreme example, but it gives you some idea of the wear under-inflation can cause. And if it's combined with high speed or overload, under-inflation can also cause heat to build up until the tire actually starts to come apart.

What's more, under-inflation costs you in gasoline mileage. It simply takes more energy to turn an under-inflated tire. Fill your tires to the pressure recommended in your owner's manual and check them often. Don't forget to adjust for different load conditions.

Be sure to keep caps on your tire valves, too. If you don't, dirt can get into the valve and cause it to leak.

A word from your tire tread

I look at my tire tread regularly for danger signals. Here's what to look for.

Signal	Probable cause
Bald spots, or "cupping"	Out of balance or worn shock absorbers
One edge of tread worn	Out of alignment
Both edges of tread worn	Under-inflation (see note below)
Feathered tread ribs	Out of alignment
Center of tread worn	Over-inflation

Note: Hard, fast cornering can also cause both edges of the tread to wear excessively.

Since tires can wear differently at each wheel position be sure to have your tires rotated when the owner's manual says to.

Don't drive your tires to an early grave

You pay a lot for that rubber, so why leave it all over the road? Fast stops and starts wear down the tread, even if the tires don't squeal. The same goes for fast cornering.

And excessive speed is not only unlawful, it can overheat and even destroy a tire, particularly if the tire is under-inflated or overloaded. Also, no matter how good your tires are, you should try to avoid any road hazards like chuck holes and "road junk." Any tire can be punctured, even ruined.

What makes one tire cost you more than another

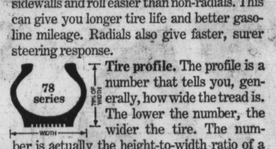
The wider the tire profile, the higher the price tag will generally be. Furthermore, when you move up in size, you usually move up in price. Finally, radial tires usually cost more than bias-belted, and bias-belted usually cost more than bias-ply tires.

You should know what these terms mean before you start shopping.

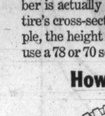
Bias-ply tire. A tire in which the body cords run diagonally to the tread. Bias-ply tires offer a softer, more comfortable ride than other types of tire construction.

Bias-belted tire. The body cords run the same as in the regular bias-ply tire, but the tire also has layers of material formed into belts under the tread. These belts reduce tread squirm for longer wear and better traction than you get with non-belted tires.

Radial tire. Belted tires in which the body cords run at a right angle to the tread, instead of diagonally. Radial tires have more flexible sidewalls and roll easier than non-radials. This can give you longer tire life and better gasoline mileage. Radials also give faster, surer steering response.

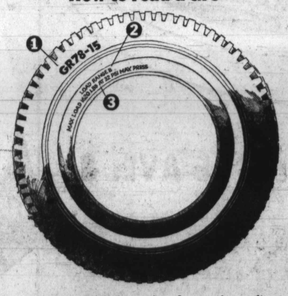


Bias-ply Bias-belted Radial



Tire profile. The profile is a number that tells you, generally, how wide the tread is. The lower the number, the wider the tire. The number is actually the height-to-width ratio of a tire's cross-section. In a 78 series, for example, the height is 78% of the width. Most cars use a 78 or 70 series tire.

How to read a tire



There's a lot of information about a tire on its sidewall. For instance:

1. **Size designation.** This tire is a GR 78-15. The "G" designates the weight the tire is designed to support (letters run from A-N).

"R" tells you it's a radial. If there's no "R" here, it's a bias-ply or bias-belted tire. The first number in the series, 78, gives you the tire profile. The second number gives you the diameter of the wheel rim this tire will fit. In this case, it's 15 inches.

2. **Load range code.** The load range code will be "B", "C", or "D", and tells you the maximum allowable air pressure. This is a load range "B" tire and can carry a maximum of 32 pounds per square inch. Load range "C" and "D" tires can carry more air pressure and, therefore, heavier loads.

Most passenger cars should carry less than the maximum air pressure. If you carry a heavy load, increase the air pressure, but never above the maximum stated on the tire. Consult your owner's manual for the recommended tire pressure for your car.

3. **Load and pressure.** This tells you the maximum weight the tire could carry at full air pressure. Four tires could thus support a car and load up to 6,480 lbs. (4x1620).

Before buying new tires, check your old ones

Your best guide in choosing new tires is how well your present tires have served you.

Trade for tires with the same construction and load carrying capacity if your present tires have served your needs and you're looking for another set that will last about as long.

Trade down if you're using the car less than you'd expected, and don't plan on long or hard service from the tires. But I don't advise trading down in size or load capacity.

Trade up if you haven't been satisfied with your present tires, or if your driving needs require it. Remember, bias-belted tires and radial tires generally give you better traction and longer mileage than bias-ply tires.

Don't buy tires strictly on price. The cheapest tire isn't always the best buy, but neither is the most expensive. Strength, handling, expected mileage from the tire, and even gas mileage are all factors that should enter into your decision.

Warning: Never mix tires of different sizes or types on the same axle. Never use radial tires in front with bias-ply or bias-belted tires on the rear. Improper mixing can lead to dangerously poor handling.

Shop the Shell tire line-up before you buy

Shell Comfort Ride.® Our economy tire. A bias-ply tire with four full plies of polyester cord for the driver who prefers a soft, comfortable ride.

Shell Belted 78. Our bias-belted tire. It has two polyester cord body plies and two fiberglass belts for good traction and wear.

Shell Radial Ride.® Our new improved economy radial. Available about June 1. Two belts of fiberglass cord, two polyester cord body plies. For the driver who wants the handling and steering response that radials offer without paying for the added strength and mileage of steel.

Super Shell® Steel-Belted Radial. Shell's best. Twin belts of steel cord, plus two radial plies of polyester cord, plus the tire mileage and steering response radial construction offers. And no matter what brand of tires you have on your car, remember there are thousands of Shell dealers anxious to help you take care of them.

Any questions? Write me.

Write John Thomas, Staff Engineer, Shell Oil Company, P.O. Box 61609, Civic Center Station, Houston, Texas 77208. And ask for our free 12-page booklet, "Three Rules for Maximum Tire Life." It has more ideas on how to get full mileage from any brand of tire.

SHELL

People working with energy

FREEDOM HOUSE gets ready for its annual Summer Jobs program. Attending the meeting were: (top row) Mrs. Louise Allen, Eugene Julius, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Thompson, Marie Matthews, John Peters, and Miss Josephine Young. Bottow row are; Debra Minter, Natalie Minter, Joselyn Smith, Derek Smith, Warren Lee, Charles Morris, Phillip Lewis, Tara Melette, Michelle Goodman, Karen Maddox and Connie Hyman.

Freedom House gets jobs for 33 youngsters

Neighborhood Youth leaders with the Freedom House Neighborhood Council plan the summer jobs and recreational program conducted each summer by Freedom House under the direction of Miss Josephine Ora Young, secretary of Freedom House Board of Directors.

Miss Young annouces that Freedom House has secured 33 summer corp youth jobs and will continue its bussing of neighborhood children to Camp Concern, baseball games, Washington, D.C. and other educational sites.

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Atty. Michael Bowen Mitchell gave an address to the youths and their parents attending Freedom House June 24.

Mrs. Juania Mitchell accompanied Bowen Jackson as he sang "Just Think of His Goodness to You."

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Speakers at the July 1 seminar will be Miss Cynthia Grandison, summer intern on the AFRO's city desk and Mrs. Gloria Richardson, City Planning Office.

Del. Walter Dean, (D) 41st District, will speak July 8.

Officers are: John Peters, chairman; Mrs. Betty Graves and Mrs. Marie Matthews, assistant secretaries; Mrs. Johnnie Mae Thompson, vice-chairman and Mrs. Louise Allen, general vice-chairman.

Each Tuesday evening, 7 p.m., adult and youth neighborhood leaders meet in seminar discussions with various city officials at 7:30 p.m., Freedom House headquarters, 1234 Druid Hill Ave. The public is invited.

Citywide movement urges residents to block highways that destroy homes

The Movement Against Destruction (MAD) is circulating a petition which would give city voters the right to decide if Interstate Highways would be built, George Tyson, MAD's president, said today.

MAD is a citywide coalition which is trying to make citizen input effective in transportation planning.

The city government's official estimate of the cost of building the 3-A highway system is 1.3 billion, but un-official estimates place the eventual cost as high as 3 billion, he added. This would make the city's 18 per cent share range between 234 and 540 million. This is the bill which city taxpayers must pay.

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At the present time, city voters have no voice on this issue. Highway matters are routinely passed by the state, and the voter who pays the bill is left out in the cold.

The city administration is willing to sacrifice everything for these roads. They are disrupted dozens of neighborhoods, destroyed thousands of homes, and cut back on municipal services.

When asked if it were not already too late to do anything about the roads, Tyson replied, "No, there is still time.

Despite intensive efforts by the city, 85 percent of the road remains unbuilt. The most expensive parts — Leakin-Gwynns Falls Parks, Fells Point, and Fort McHenry — have not been approved by the federal government."

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Tyson said that MAD already has about half the 10,000 signatures needed to put the road question on the ballot in November. We would like to get about 8,000 more to provide a margin for error. We have until mid-July to do this, he added.

"We are seeking the support of all organizations and individuals who believe the people should have a voice in this billion-dollar issue.

"If you want to carry a petition, call me at 448-2362," Tyson said.

Movement Against Destruction Inc. Member Organizations

Better Air Coalition,
Canton Improvement Association
Dickeyville Association
Fells Point Improvement Association
Franlintown Community Association
Mount Royal Improvement Association
Rosemont Neighborhood Improvement Association
Saint Agnes Neighborhood Association
South Baltimore Community Council
South East Community Organization
Windsor Hills Neighbors

OFFICERS

Presiden George Tyson 448-2362 or 594-3374
Vice-President William T. Durkin
Secretary Carol Sharlip
Treasurer Mary Logan

HOW CITY EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE TO HIGHWAYS

CITY EMPLOYEES — sanitation workers, teachers, police firemen, and all others — are making a direct contribution to the city to help pay for the 3-A highway system by receiving low salaries.

In fiscal 1976, the road will cost the city at least 20 million dollars and probably more.

If the road were not being built, this amount of money could be relased for other purposes, such as salaries, schools, parks. and other worthwhile purposes.

The city now has a $30,000,000 "SURPLUS" cause by the strikes last year. Thus, they are able to offer city employees a raise with thier own money.

HOME OWNERS — If you live in the city and your home is assessed at $20,000, you are subsidizing the road by another $2000 per year. This is only the beginning. It will continue to increase each year for many years.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

IT IS NOT TOO LATE! The road is still 85 percent incomplete. The most expensive segments — Leakin Park, Fells Point, and Fort McHenry — have not been approved by the federal goverment.

(1) SIGN THE PETITION which is being circulated by MAD to amend the City Charter so that Interstate Highways can not be built until they have been approved by voters.

(2) VOTE FOR the chater amendment in November.

(3) VOTE AGAINST highways when they are presented for your approval.

YOU ARE PAYING FOR THE ROAD — STOP IT

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

Weekend Arts Festival downtown

To begin the July 4 holiday early, go downtown in Baltimore for fun, frolic and good, free entertainment. Summer is here and everything's on the town.

All listed events take place on the main staging area, in Hopkins Plaza, without charge, all day each day.

Friday, June 27

12:00 Wally Saunders Dance Company — modern jazz dance group. Half hour.

1:00 Timm Eyermann and the East Coast Offering — jazz and jazz rock. One hour.

2:15 — The Poets — small vocal group from Dunbar High School. Popular and soul music. One hour.

3:30 — Maryland Ballet in rehearsal on stage. One hour.

6:00 — Maryland Youth one hour.

7:30 — Peabody Dance Ensemble — classical ballet. Half hour.

8:30-10:30 — Dancing on the Plaza with Buddy Voelker's Big Band.

Saturday, June 28

11:00 — Les Papillion — Towson State quartet performing popular, show and light rock. Half hour.

12:00 — The Strump — contemporary and rock music includes original compositions by members and the quartet. One hour.

1:30 — Douglas Memorial Church Men's Choir — traditional Afro American music. Half hour.

2:30 — Street 70 — Mime troupe. Montgomery County's award winning school touring group. One hour.

4:00 — Trinidad ane Tobago Steel Band. One hour.

5:15 — Arena Players — theatre presentation. Half hour.

6-6:30 — Open.

7:00 — Gene Walker's

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THE BEST WAY TO see Soul Festival is on daddy's shoulders said little Gerald Jackson Jr. He and brother Gerard were treated to a leisurely stroll on Sunday, in the arms of parents Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jackson, as the three day festival in Charles Center came to an end. (Matthews Photo)

New income levels set for food stamps

The United States Department of Agriculture has announced new-income food stamp eligibility levels effective July 1.

The higher income limits are expected to make many more families eligible for the cooperative food program.

The Department of Social Services asks that food stamp applicants follow these guidelines when applying for coupons:

1. Take recent pay stubs with you and all other information which verify your income.

2. Be able to state what you spend on gas, electricity, heat, and telephone. Know what your rent or your mortage costs are.

3. If you pay babysitting fees in order to work and if you have medical expenses which you pay, be able to give these facts and what they cost you.

REMEMBER: Those shelter costs which exceed 30 per cent of your income (after taxes and allowable work expenses) are also deducted from your income before determining your eligibility and what your Food Stamps will cost.

Families who may now receive food stamps are urged to call 234-2222 for certification.

A toll free information line has also been set up at 685-6700.

NEW LOW-INCOME FOOD STAMPS ELIGIBILITY LEVELS

Income Limits* Per Month	Household Size	Food Stamp Allotment
$ 215	1 person	$ 48
300	2 persons	90
427	3 persons	128
540	4 persons	162
640	5 persons	192
740	6 persons	222
833	7 persons	250
926	8 persons	278
73	@ additional	22

* After certain expenses

Effective July 1, 1975

AFRO journalists at Towson workshop

Senior journalists of the AFRO-AMERICAN are among participants in the 16th Annual "Newspaper in the Classroom" Workshops at Towson State College. This year's theme is "Your Newspaper—The Living Text-book."

The program is sponsored by the college in cooperation with the Maryland - Delaware - DC Press Association, Inc.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor, will speak today Friday on "The Reporter." She is one of several speakers who will talk about getting the news.

Mrs. Ida Peters, public relations director, will act as moderator for Monday's discussions on "Investigative Reporting" and "Newspapers as a Business."

Sports editor, Sam Lacy will address himself July 1 to "The Column" in mini-speeches concerning writing forms found in today's newspapers.

Executive editor, Moses J. Newson is the July 3 speaker on "The Black Press" in discussions of the role of the press in our society.

The sessions, which run through July 7, are being held in Linthicum Hall, Rm. 200 at Towson State College.

ARTIST CHARLES COWARD poses with some of his paintings and drawings at the outdoor art exhibit held around the lake in Druid Hill Park. Five black artists displayed paintings and drawings before a sizeable crowd at the Saturday show.

NEWSTIPS

The AFRO pays cash for NEWSTIPS. If you see news happening, call City Desk, 728-8200 and tell us about it.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION For Certain Homeowners Whose Mortgages Were Insured By FHA Between August 1, 1968 and January 1, 1973

You may qualify for HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE OR FOR REIMBURSEMENT for repairs already made.

Section 518 (B) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 authorizes the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to compensate homeowners for certain serious defects which existed at the time of HUD's original inspection of the property. It is part of HUD's continued efforts to protect the rights and investments of homeowners who purchased mortgages insured under FHA. Most important, it includes compensation for serious defects in certain homes purchased as long ago as six years. It can mean getting such defects corrected. It can mean compensation for repairs already made.

Read this notice carefully. If you qualify, you have a right to share in these benefits.

YOUR HOME QUALIFIES IF IT MEETS ALL OF THESE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW:

1. It is more than one year old when purchased.
2. If your mortgage was insured by FHA under Section 203 (b) or Section 221 (d) (2) on or after August 1, 1968 but before January 1, 1973.
3. If the property has no more than 2 living units.
4. If the defects are such that an inspection at time of original appraisal normally would have revealed them.
5. If your home is located in an older, declining urban area, defined as a community with a population of 2500 or more and a neighborhood mostly composed of dwellings built before 1940.
6. All decisions as to eligibility will be made by HUD/FHA and such decisions are final.

DEFECTS THAT DO QUALIFY are those which affect the basic structure of your home, and which existed at the time of purchase. For example:

1. Seriously defective plumbing, heating or electrical systems.
2. A structural failure in the basic framing, floors, or foundations which is visibly evident in an accessible area.
3. A worn out roof.
4. Drainage problems such as surface water in the crawl space or running against the house.
5. Rotted siding, porches, steps, deteriorated brickwork, or other seriously deteriorated exterior surfaces which affect the structural safety of the house.
6. Defective paint conditions which, as defined in HUD Regulations, constitute a health hazard: cracking, scaling, peeling and loose lead-based paint on exterior surfaces and those exterior surfaces, such as stairs, porches, windows and doors readily accessible to children under seven years of age.

For repairs already made you must be able to present proof that the defect existed when home was appraised. For example: receipts, canceled checks, contracts or contractor's statements which will show that repairs were required immediately after purchase.

DEFECTS THAT DO NOT QUALIFY are those which do not affect the basic structure of your home. For example:

1. Deteriorative and cosmetic work of any kind.
2. Carpeting.
3. Cracks in plaster or sheetrock, unless caused by structural failure.
4. Defects such as barns, gouges, loosened hardware or doors.
5. Inoperable refrigerator, range, hot water tank, dishwasher, disposal, exhaust fan, window or central air-conditioner or other such mechanical equipment.
6. Broken glass and broken counterweight cords in windows. Inoperable windows are not eligible.
7. Damages to personal property and damages suffered on account of personal injury.
8. Rotted window sills and door frames, unless they constitute a threat to the life and safety of the occupants.
9. Defective light fixtures and outlets, when the electrical system is otherwise sound.
10. Minor cracked or broken floor tiles.
11. Cracks in foundation not seriously affecting the structure.
12. Roof leaks when the roof appears acceptable.
13. Plumbing leaks, if the basic system is sound.
14. Termite damage, unless it seriously affects the structural integrity of the building.
15. Rotted out gutters and downspouts.
16. Defects in detached garages or other outbuildings, unless there is serious risk of imminent collapse in which case demolition only is eligible.

LAST DATE TO ENTER A CLAIM IS AUGUST 22, 1975.

If you meet all of the above requirements, call or write your nearest local HUD/FHA Office. You may obtain the address or phone number from your telephone directory or by calling any bank, mortgage company, or real estate broker for this information.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 22, 1975