

TOOLBOX TALKS

Extending Tire Life

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TOPIC: Tires aren't getting cheaper—or any easier to find. No, that's not news. But some of these tips to extend tire life might be.

Think Slope

- Slope roads to be super-elevated
- Slope should be higher on then left side when there is a right turn
- Super-elevated roads removes some of the load from the outside of the tire
- If sloped incorrectly more scrubbing will occur and spillage will become an issue
- Super-elevated roads provide more stability which can lead to more production
- Experts recommend a grade of less than 10%, this reduces wear
- Work with your local dealer to determine proper slope

Manage Your Operators

- Always perform a machine walk around before and after every shift
- Make sure tires are thoroughly inspected during the walk around
- Do not speed when going around curves
- Do not brake excessively
- Be sure your load is centered
- Do not overload the machines, this makes tires more susceptible to punctures and bulging
- Never spin your tires
- Contact your local dealer if training is required

Stay Away From Water

- Water acts like a lubricant, which can increase the risk of punctures
- Wet tires are more likely to spin
- Water can rust the steel cords

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