

7 tips for how to survive pothole season:

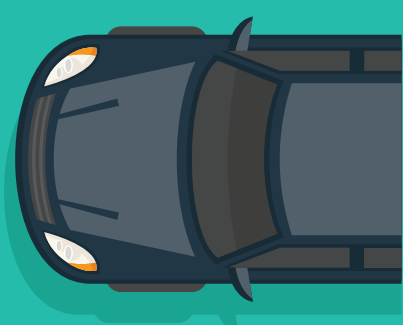
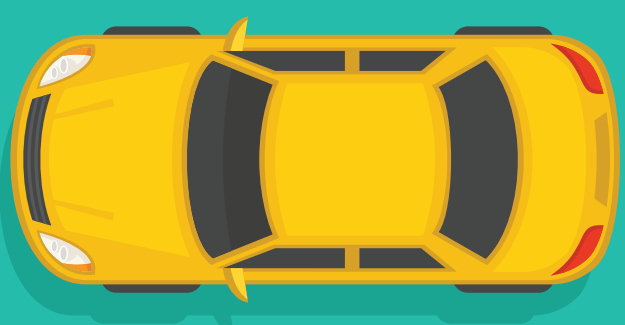


1 Maintain recommended tire pressure at all times.

An over-inflated or under-inflated tire increases the possibility of incurring damage when your vehicle hits a pothole.

2 Keep a safe distance from other vehicles on the road.

If the road is damaged, the vehicle ahead of you will probably slow down or swerve a bit to avoid contact with a divot in the road. Your drivers will need to be prepared for that behavior, and take it as an indication to be cautious when they come to that spot in the road.



3 Stay alert and be aware.

Keeping an eye on not only the road, but other vehicles and the environment surrounding the driver, will help keep him/her alert to the existence of potholes, making it easier to avoid them.



4 Take it slowly.

A large commercial vehicle is not usually going to be able to swerve around a pothole on the highway as easily as a smaller vehicle, but slowing down can minimize the risk of serious damage.



5 Be vigilant about checking your vehicle.

Since there's risk in incurring damage when you've hit a pothole, it's wise to take some time to check tires and wheels as soon as possible afterward. Damage may also occur from flying debris if a nearby vehicle hits a pothole, so be especially thorough in pre-trip inspections, too.



6 Report dangerous potholes.

In the case of potholes in public spaces, parking lots, or rest areas, contact the manager, or the corporate customer service line. When you encounter highway potholes, contact the state DOT. They'll be able to schedule a crew to fix it and be grateful you informed them.



7 Expect road repairs during pothole season.

Though it might not happen as quickly as drivers would like, the potholes will eventually be repaired. Those work zones will almost certainly have an impact on traffic, so factor in extra time for the delays they cause.

Surviving pothole season for your commercial vehicle fleet requires proactive planning, regular vehicle maintenance, and effective communication with your drivers and with local authorities. By following these steps, your fleet can minimize pothole-related damage to vehicles and keep them on the road, reducing downtime and avoiding costly repairs.