

1 **How to change a flat tire.**

2 If you have a flat tire, don't worry. You can fix it!

3 First, park in the safest and most level place possible. Turn off the ignition and set the
4 parking brake. Put a rock or something behind the tires which are not flat. If parking on the side
5 of the road, don't stop on a curve. Turn on your flashers.

6 Take out the jack, the jack handle, the lug wrench and the spare. In the owner's manual,
7 locate the correct place to put the jack. Place the jack and raise using the jack handle until it is
8 snug against the chassis, but don't raise the tire off the ground yet. Remove the hubcap, if
9 necessary. Loosen the lug nuts, but don't remove them yet. When the nuts are loose, raise the
10 tire using the jack until it is off the ground, but raise it higher than the minimum necessary to pull
11 off the tire because the spare will be taller than the flat. Finish removing the lug nuts and put
12 them where you can easily find them **all** later. Take off the flat and put it where it won't obstruct
13 you or the road.

14 Lining up the holes with the wheel studs put on the spare. Hand tighten the lug nuts so the
15 spare will stay flush with the wheel drum when lowered. Lower the jack and pull it from under
16 the chassis. Tighten the lug nuts with the lug wrench. You should go around twice, to be sure
17 all are equally tight. You can then replace the hubcap, if it was removed. Replace all equipment
18 and the flat in the vehicle and remove the rocks from behind the other tires.

19 You are now ready to go. It is a good idea to stop at the first gas station to check the air
20 pressure in the spare, especially if you don't do this routinely.

21 It's a good idea to practice changing the tire before you have to. Smart drivers will keep a
22 flashlight, gloves and a lubricant in case the lug nuts are frozen.