

**Wheels:** An e-mail from Ron says, “My son has a Ford Ranger Truck. He has new Goodyear tires on the front. He is at college and needs to replace the two rear tires. He doesn’t have the money to replace the two rear tires with Goodyear, but asked me if I think he could buy another brand to put on the back. Thus, he would have 4 new tires on the truck. I think the ride might be different but as long as they are the same size, I can’t see why he couldn’t do this. So I am asking what you think. He can get a name brand tire for the rear for half what the front two cost.”

**Halderman:** Having a different brand of tires on different axles (front or rear) will do no harm. Even though the size may be the same, there is a difference between the brands when it comes to overall diameter. It is very important to keep the diameter the same for the tires used on the front axles or the rear, but unless the vehicle is equipped with all-wheel drive, it is OK for the rear tires to be slightly different from the front tires. Please feel free to install less expensive tires on the rear.

