

**Wheels:** An e-mail from Marilyn says, “I own a 2005 Mini-Cooper S. I recently inquired about purchasing new tires. I was ready to order 2 of them for the front of my car (front-wheel drive). My two front tires were the most worn at 40,000 miles.

The salesman said he would only sell me 4 tires because it would be unsafe to have only 2 on the car. He said it would alter handling.

Since this was a tire salesman I was talking to, I’m suspicious! The run flat tires are \$176 each. Was he telling the truth or was he just trying to sell me 4 tires instead of two?”

**Halderman:** Thanks for writing and this is a good question. It is considered in the industry that any new tires be placed at the rear (indirect steering control whereas in the front you have direct steering control).

Check [www.tirerack.com](http://www.tirerack.com) for good information. Tire Rack can ship tires to a local installer. My advice is to use run flats if at all possible since you are replacing run flat tires.

