

Biggest and boldest

A look at the 100 largest retreaders in the U.S.

The already ultra-competitive retread market will only get more competitive as the recession continues. Retreaders will continue to duke it out on many levels, not the least of which is pricing. The average price of a truck tire retread went up 13.4% in 2008 versus 2007. (Retreaded truck tire sales, sans casings, totaled \$2 billion in 2008.)

Each April, *CTD* lists the top 100 retreaders in the United States, based on the average amount of tread rubber used to retread different types of tires.

Twelve pounds of rubber, on average, are used to retread one light truck tire, while 24 pounds are used to produce one medium/heavy truck tire retread. One OTR retread requires an average of 325 pounds.

CTD awards one point for every seven pounds of rubber used per retread. Each light truck retread equals 1.7 points, each medium truck tire retread equals 3.5 points, and each OTR tire retread equals 46 points. Numbers

are rounded to the nearest point. In the following pages, we'll take a comprehensive look at the nation's 100 largest retreaders. On this page, we'll examine the top 10. (Production numbers for each retread category reflect daily levels.)

1 Wingfoot Commercial Tire Systems LLC (Fort Smith, Ark.) Number of plants: 54. Number of light truck retreads per day: 390. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 5,290. Number of OTR retreads per day: 40. Pounds of rubber used: 42.5 million. Processes: Goodyear (Unicircle, precure, mold cure). Total points: 21,018.

2 Bridgestone Bandag Tire Solutions (Muscatine, Iowa) Number of plants: 37. Number of light truck retreads per day: 20. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 3,094. Number of OTR retreads per day: 6. Pounds of rubber used: 21.9 million. Process: Bandag (precure). Total points: 11,139

3 Purcell Tire & Rubber Co. (Potosi, Mo.) Number of plants: 5. Number of light truck retreads per day: 150. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 1,300. Number of OTR retreads per day: 120. Pounds of rubber used: 15 million. Processes: Goodyear (Unicircle, precure, mold cure, Flexcure). Total points: 10,325.

4 Southern Tire Mart (Columbia, Miss.) Number of plants: 17. Number of light truck retreads per day: 0. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 2,930. Number of OTR retreads per day: 0. Pounds of rubber used: 16.5 million. Process: Bandag (precure). Total points: 10,255.

5 Tire Centers LLC (Duncan, S.C.) Number of plants: 15. Number of light truck retreads per day: 0. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 2,928. Number of off-the-road retreads per day: 0. Pounds of rubber used: 19 million. Processes: Michelin (precure, mold cure). Total points: 10,248.

6 Best-One Group (Monroe, Ind.) Number of plants: 17. Number of light truck retreads per day: 0. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 2,100. Number of OTR retreads per day: 0. Pounds of rubber used: 13.5 million. Process: Bandag (precure). Total points: 7,350.

7 Northwest Retreaders Inc./Hudson-Odom (Portland, Ore.) Number of plants: 1. Number of light truck retreads per day: 25. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 210. Number of OTR retreads per day: 105. Pounds of rubber used: N/A. Processes used: precure, mold cure and sculpture. Total points: 5,608.

8 McCarthy Tire Service (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.) Number of plants: 5. Number of light truck retreads per day: 132. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 900. Number of OTR retreads per day: 38. Pounds of rubber used: 8.1 million. Process used: Bandag (precure). Total points: 5,122.

9 Les Schwab Tire Centers (Bend, Ore.) Number of plants: 4. Number of light truck retreads per day: 0. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 1,220. Number of OTR retreads per day: 15. Pounds of rubber used: 10.8 million. Processes used: Precure (Marangoni, other), mold cure, sculpture. Total points: 4,960.

10 Snider Tire Inc. (Greensboro, N.C.) Number of plants: 8. Number of light truck retreads per day: 75. Number of medium truck retreads per day: 1,350. Number of off-the-road retreads per day: 0. Pounds of rubber used: N/A. Process: Michelin (precure). Total points: 4,853. ■

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Top 100 retreaders

COMPANY	HEADQUARTERS	NUMBER OF SHOPS	LBS RUBBER USED (in millions)	LT TIRES	TRUCK TIRES	OTR TIRES	PROCESSES	TOTAL POINTS
11. Pomp's Tire Service	Green Bay, Wis.	12	N/A	107	1,298	0	Precure (Bandag)	4,725
12. Tredroc Tire Services	Antioch, Ill.	7	5.7	50	1,200	0	Precure (Bandag)	4,285
13. B.R. Retreading	Glasgow, Ky.	1	5.8	0	10	89	Segmented radial molds, Marangoni cut tread	4,129
14. Bauer Built Inc.	Durand, Wis.	7	N/A	10	930	0	Precure (Michelin), custom mold (Michelin)	3,272
15. C & M Tire (Cross Midwest Tire Inc.)	Kansas City, Mo.	5	5.2	50	820	6	Precure (Bandag)	3,231
16. Bob Sumerel Tire Co.	Erlanger, Ky.	6	5.0	0	800	0	Precure (Bandag)	2,800
17. Service Tire Truck Centers	Bethlehem, Pa.	3	6.1	20	768	0	Michelin	2,722
18. New Pride Corp.	Oakland, Calif.	3	4.3	0	740	0	Precure and mold cure	2,590
19. RDH Tire & Retread Co.	Cleveland, N.C.	1	5.0	0	0	55	Computerized strip and tread grooving, Bandag Continuum precure	2,530
20. Belle Tire Distributors	Allen Park, Mich.	2	3.4	60	650	3	Precure (Bandag)	2,515
21. Ziegler Tire & Oil Co.	Massillon, Ohio	2	4.8	7	640	0	Precure (Michelin), mold cure (Michelin)	2,252
22. Jack's Tire & Oil Inc.	Logan, Utah	4	4.4	15	635	0	Precure (Michelin)	2,248
23. Parkhouse Tire Inc.	Bell Gardens, Calif.	3	4.1	10	600	0	Precure (Bandag)	2,117
24. New Holland Tire Inc.	Terre Hill, Pa.	3	2.9	5	550	2	Precure (Elgi and Daeho)	2,026
25. Valley Tire Co. Inc.	Charleroi, Pa.	2	3.8	40	550	0	Precure (Michelin)	1,993
26. Boulevard Tire	Deland, Fla.	4	3.5	0	560	0	Precure (Bandag)	1,960
27. Community Tire Co.	St. Louis, Mo.	1	N/A	120	80	30	Mold cure, Unicircle segmented mold cure	1,864
28. Custom Bandag Inc.	Linden, N.J.	3	4.0	66	500	0	Precure (Bandag)	1,862
29. H & H Industries	Oak Hill, Ohio	1	5.2	0	0	40	Mold, sculpture, precure	1,840
30. Atlanta Commercial Tire Inc.	Forest Park, Ga.	3	N/A	15	510	0	Bandag	1,811
31. White's Tire & Rubber Co. Inc.	Wilson, N.C.	1	3.1	35	372	9	Marangoni Ringtread, precure (Oliver), mold cure (White's)	1,776
32. Parrish Tire Co.	Winston-Salem, N.C.	2	N/A	50	450	0	Precure (Bandag)	1,660
33. Craft Tire Inc.	Uniontown, Pa.	2	3.2	0	0	36	Marangoni Mammoth, computer cut tread (Marangoni)	1,656
34. Consolidated Tires Inc.	Greenville, S.C.	1	N/A	0	460	0	Precure (Michelin)	1,610
35. McGriff Treading Co.	Cullman, Ala.	3	2.7	10	447	0	Precure (Bandag)	1,582
36. Callaghan Tire	Bradenton, Fla.	2	N/A	10	420	0	Precure (Bandag)	1,487
37. Allied Retreading Technologies	Omaha, Neb.	1	N/A	0	405	0	Mold cure (Michelin), precure (Michelin)	1,418
38. Raben Tire Co. Inc.	Evansville, Ind.	3	2.1	0	384	0	Precure (Michelin, Goodyear)	1,344
39. Sullivan Tire Co. Inc.	Norwell, Mass.	3	2.9	30	350	0	Precure (Bandag)	1,276

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39. T & W Tire and Retread Inc.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	2	N/A	30	350	0	Precure (Goodyear)	1,276
41. Ranger Tire	Bayshore, N.Y.	2	N/A	6	343	0	Precure (Marangoni, Goodyear), Hawkinson	1,211
42. Eastern Iowa Tire Co.	Davenport, Iowa	3	N/A	0	315	2	Precure (Bandag)	1,195
43. Redburn Tire Co.	Phoenix, Ariz.	5	N/A	30	325	0	Precure (Bandag)	1,189
44. Trans-American Tire	Ft. Smith, Ark.	3	N/A	24	320	0	Precure (Bandag)	1,161
45. Tarulli Tire Inc.	Santa Ana, Calif.	1	1.3	30	210	8	Precure (Bandag)	1,154
46. Royal Tire Inc.	St. Cloud, Minn.	3	2.5	15	275	3	Precure (Bandag)	1,126
47. Strouhal Tire Recapping Plant Inc.	Hungerford, Texas	2	N/A	3	300	0	Precure (Michelin)	1,055
48. Commercial Tire Inc.	Meridian, Idaho	3	1.5	0	290	0	Precure (Bandag)	1,015
49. MTI Retreading Co.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1	N/A	20	260	0	Precure (Michelin)	944
50. ITR Inc.	Jacksonville, Ill.	1	1.5	6	250	0	Precure (Marangoni Ringtread, ITR private brand)	885
51. Highland's Tire & Retreading	Carlisle, Pa.	1	N/A	5	250	0	Precure (Michelin)	884
52. Looney's Tire Service Inc.	Little Rock, Ark.	1	1.6	0	251	0	Precure (Marangoni, PreQ, Daeho)	879
53. Mountain Tire Corp.	Gorham, N.H.	2	N/A	10	240	0	Precure (Oliver)	857
54. Graham Retread Co.	Spencer, Iowa	2	N/A	2	240	0	Precure (Goodyear)	843
54. Pete's Tire Barns Inc.	Orange, Mass.	1	N/A	30	200	2	Precure (Bandag)	843
56. A to Z Tire & Battery Inc.	Amarillo, Texas	2	N/A	0	240	0	Precure (Marangoni)	840
57. Southside Tire Co. Inc.	Schofield, Wis.	2	N/A	8	220	1	Precure (Bandag)	830
58. Superior Tire Service Inc.	Salem, Ore.	2	3.0	10	225	0	Precure (Michelin)	805
59. Day and Night Tire	Lakeland, Fla.	1	1.9	160	150	0	Precure (Oliver), mold cure (AcuTread)	797
60. Moore's Retread & Tire Co.	Springdale, Ark.	2	N/A	10	220	0	Precure (Goodyear), mold (CIMA)	787
61. Bergey's Retread Technologies Inc.	Franconia, Pa.	1	N/A	1	210	1	Precure (Marangoni), mold cure (Prima)	782
62. Gem City Tire	Cincinnati, Ohio	1	N/A	30	205	0	Precure (Goodyear)	769
63. Ozarko Tire Centers Inc.	West Plains, Mo.	2	N/A	0	203	0	Precure (Michelin)	711
64. Daniel's Tire Service	Santa Fe Springs, Calif.	1	N/A	20	190	0	Precure (Goodyear)	699
65. Moore's Retread/Ark La Tx	Shreveport, La.	2	1.3	5	195	0	Precure (Goodyear)	691
66. International Retreading & Tire Co.	Atmore, Ala.	1	N/A	12	190	0	Precure (Vipal), mold cure (Vipal)	685
67. Dale's Tire & Retreading Inc.	Rapid City, S.D.	1	.94	12	128	4	Precure (Bandag)	652
68. Tire Grading Co. Inc.	Chicago, Ill.	1	N/A	200	88	0	Precure	648
69. Stratham Tire Inc.	Stratham, N.H.	3	.8	10	180	0	Precure (Bandag)	647
70. Morton Supplies Inc.	Morton, Ill.	1	.98	0	184	0	Precure (Daeho, Bandamatic, Oliver SureCure)	644

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71. Sumerel Tire Service Inc.	Newport, Ky.	1	1.3	10	178	0	Mold cure (AcuTread)	640
72. Main Tire Exchange Inc.	Dansville, N.Y.	1	.824	15	175	0	Precure (Bandag)	638
73. Terry-Haggerty Tire Inc.	Albany, N.Y.	1	.957	4	152	2	Precure (Bandag)	631
74. Overnite CTS	Charlotte, N.C.	1	N/A	0	179	0	Mold cure	627
75. Appalachian Tire Products Inc.	Charleston, W.V.	2	N/A	30	150	0	Precure (Goodyear), mold cure	576
76. Maine Commercial Tire Co.	Bangor, Maine	1	.95	8	160	0	Precure (Bandag)	574
77. Wentworth Bandag	Chicago, Ill.	1	N/A	0	156	0	Precure (Bandag)	546
78. Wood County Bandag LLC	Bowling Green, Ohio	1	.882	4	150	0	Precure (Bandag)	531
79. Easter Tire & Retreading Inc.	Lima, Ohio	1	.968	15	144	0	Precure (Bandag)	530
80. Darrington Retreading Facility	Rosharon, Texas	1	N/A	84	84	2	Precure	529
81. PGT Intermodal/Good Tire Service	Kittanning, Pa.	1	N/A	0	150	0	Precure (Bandag)	525
82. Suburban Tire	Dayton, Ohio	1	N/A	35	120	0	Precure (Goodyear)	480
83. K-S Bandag, a division of Kaufmann Tire	Wooster, Ohio	1	N/A	8	132	0	Precure (Bandag)	476
84. Holyoke Tire & Auto Service Inc.	West Springfield, Mass.	1	1	8	102	2	Precure (Bandag)	463
85. McGee Tire Stores Inc.	Lakeland, Fla.	1	.6	12	125	0	Precure (Goodyear)	458
86. Alma Tire Service Inc.	Alma, Mich.	1	N/A	10	110	1	Precure (Bandag)	448
87. A & E Tire Inc.	Denver, Colo.	1	N/A	5	125	0	Precure (Michelin)	446
87. Central Tire Corp.	Verona, Va.	1	.92	5	125	0	Precure (Goodyear, Horizon), mold cure (AcuTread)	446
89. Action Tire Co.	Forest Park, Ga.	1	.814	1	125	0	Precure (Oliver)	439
90. McCoy Truck Tire Service Center Inc.	Modesto, Calif.	2	.76	4	121	0	Precure (Bandag)	430
91. Heintschel Tire & Service Inc.	Texarkana, Texas	1	.8	4	120	0	Precure (Marangoni, Bandamatic)	427
92. Pete's Road Service	Fullerton, Calif.	1	950,000	6	115	0	Oliver	413
93. Mount Morris Tire Service	Mount Morris, Pa.	1	1.4	150	40	0	Precure, mold cure	395
94. Comcar Industries Inc.	Auburndale, Fla.	1	.65	0	110	0	Precure (Bandag)	385
94. Perth Amboy Tire	Perth Amboy, N.J.	1	.65	0	110	0	Precure (Bandag)	385
94. Jewell Tire Retreading Inc.	South Paris, Maine	1	N/A	0	110	0	Precure (Goodyear)	385
97. Free Service Tire Co. Inc.	Johnson City, Tenn.	2	.955	1	67	3	Precure, OTR mold, sculpturing	374
98. Rice Retreading Inc.	Winchester, Va.	1	.49	15	95	0	Precure and Unicircle (Goodyear)	358
99. Wilks Treading Inc.	Albertville, Ala.	1	.625	0	95	0	Precure (Goodyear)	333
100. Robert's Tire Sales	Mesa, Ariz.	1	.85	5	85	0	Precure (Oliver)	306