

Modern Automotive Technology Chapter 65

Tire, Wheel and Wheel Bearing
Fundamentals

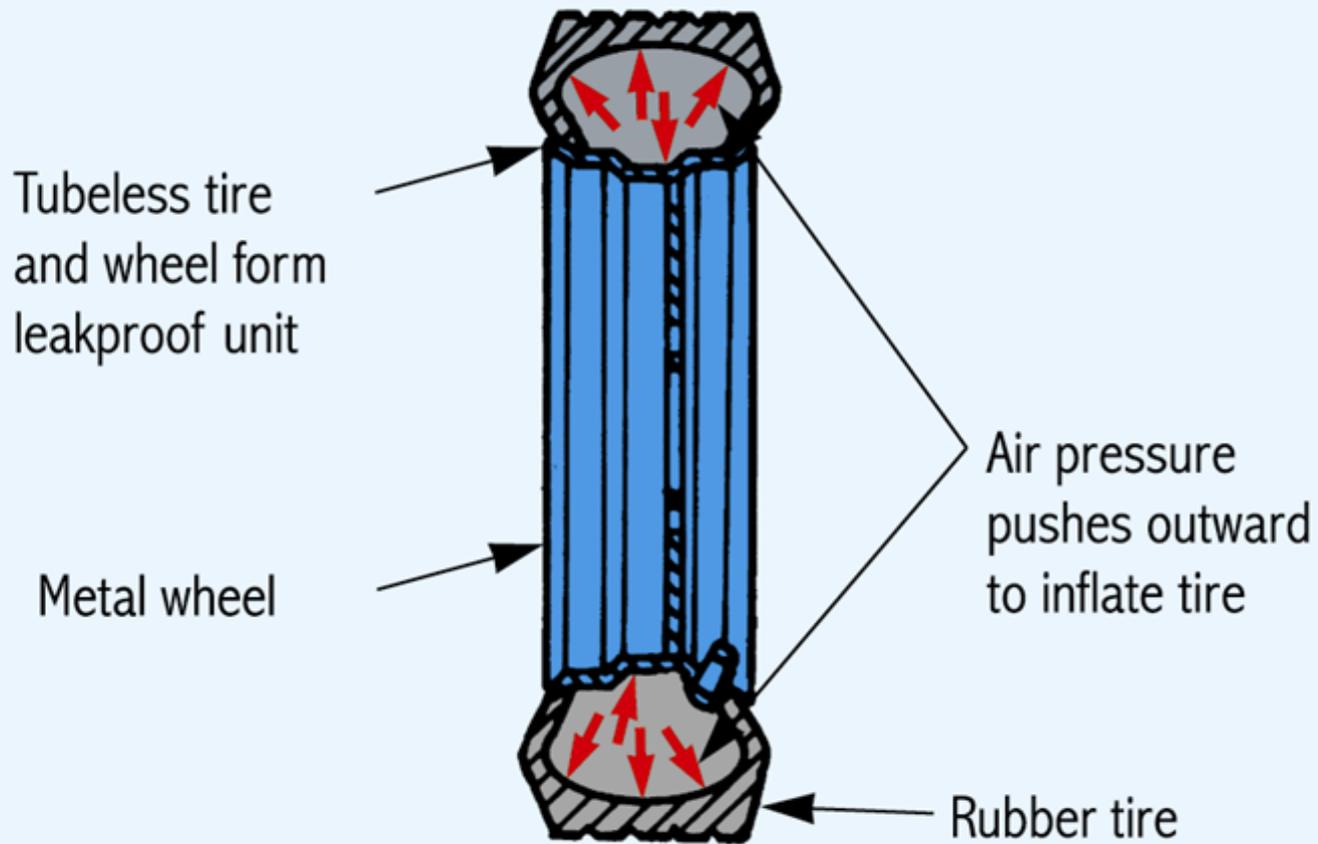


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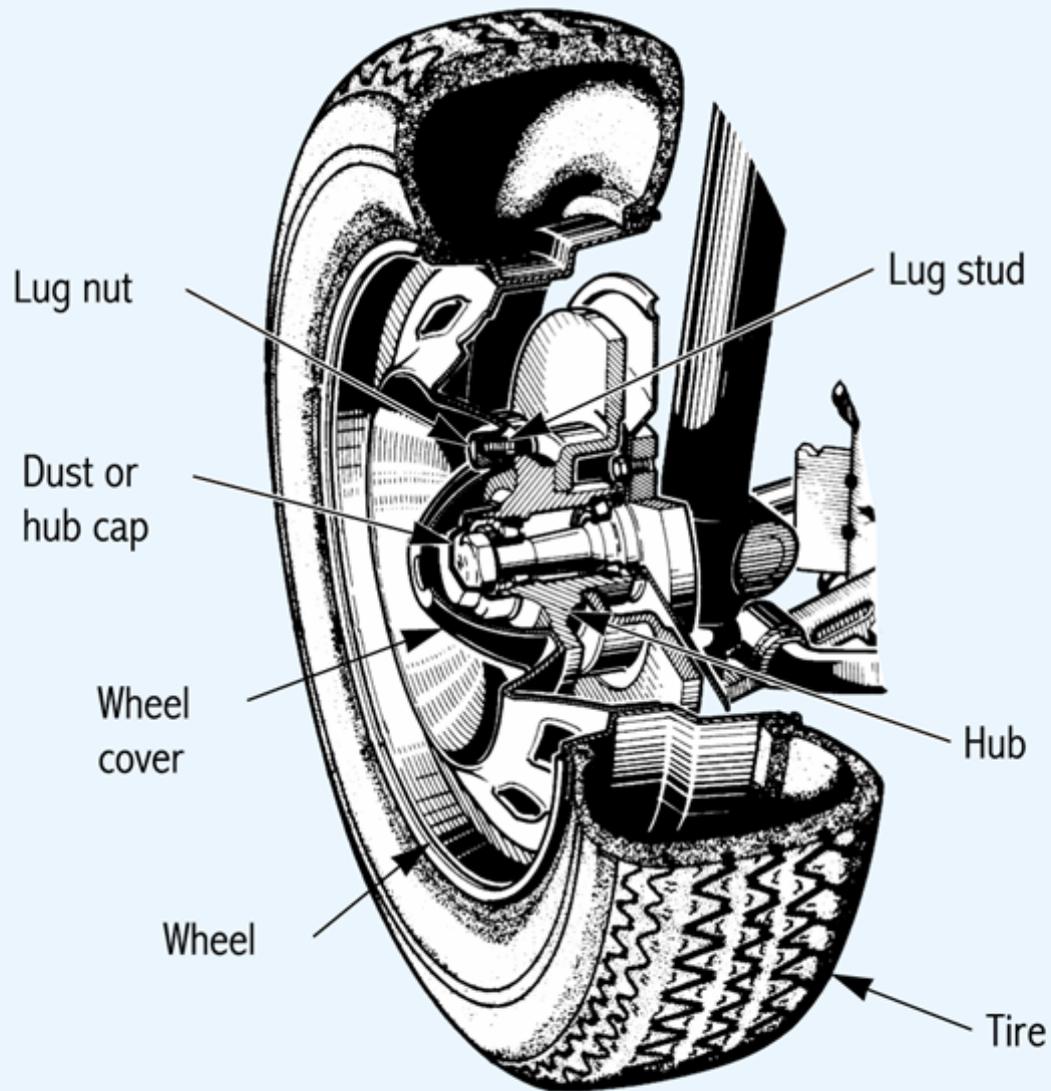
Learning Objectives

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- Describe different methods of tire construction.
- Explain tire and wheel sizes.
- Describe tire ratings.
- Identify the parts of driving and non-driving hub and wheel bearing assemblies.

Tubeless Tire



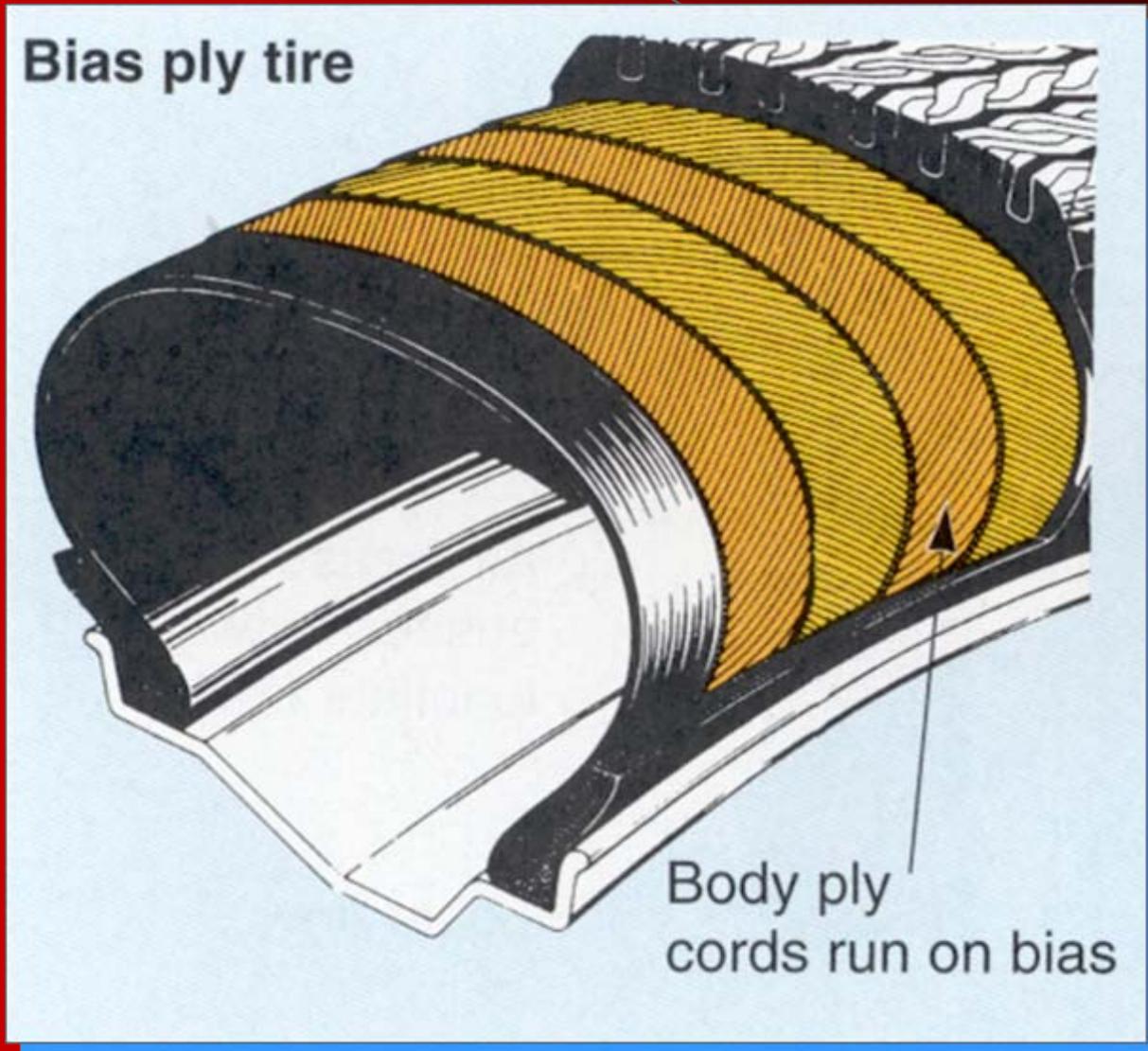
Wheel Assembly



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1. Sometimes BELTS are used to strengthen plies and stiffen tread; they lie between tread and inner plies.
2. Two rings, called TIRE BEADS, made of steel wires encased in rubber that hold tire sidewalls snugly against wheel rim.

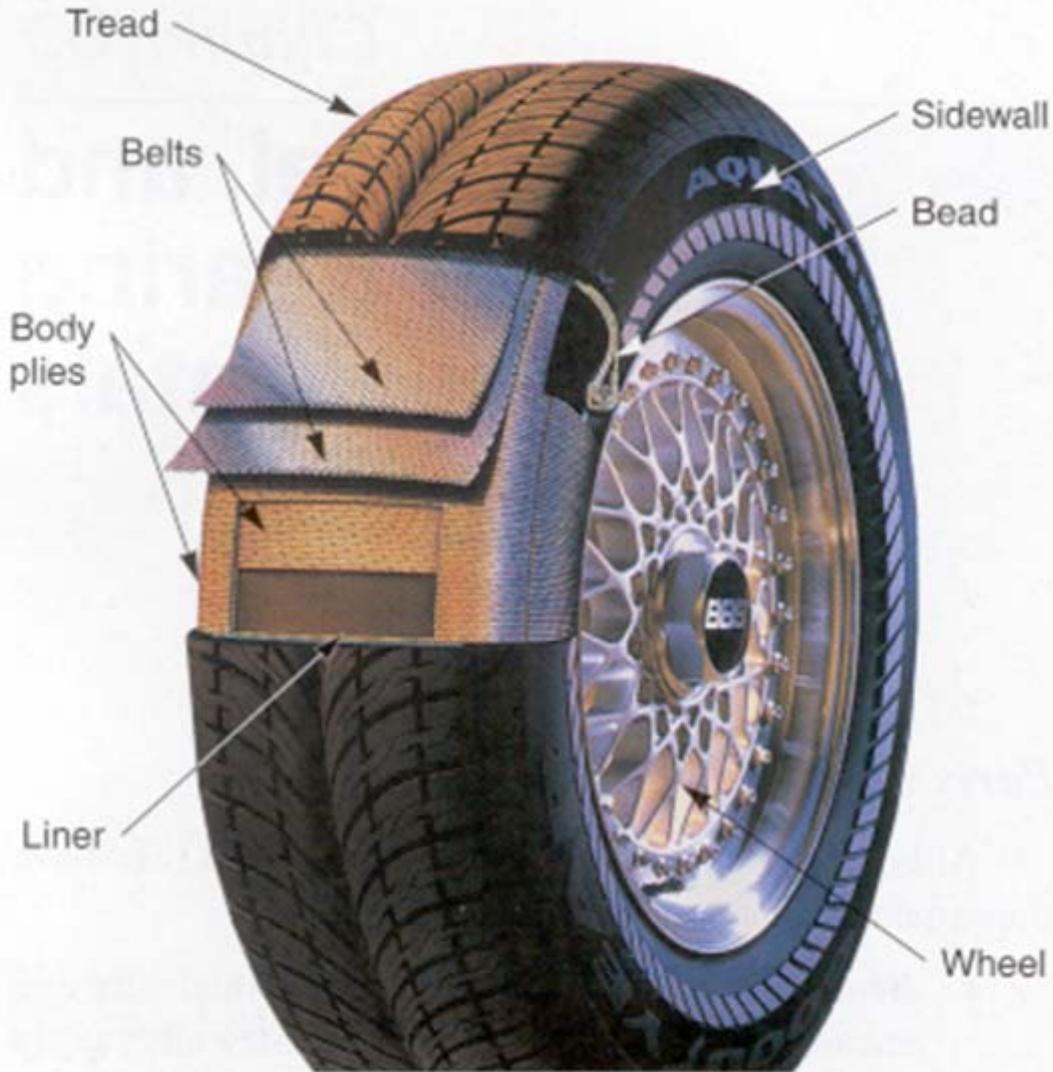
Bias Ply Tire



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3. The tire **TREAD** is the outer surface of tire that contacts road.
4. The tire **LINER** provides a leakproof membrane for modern tubeless tire.

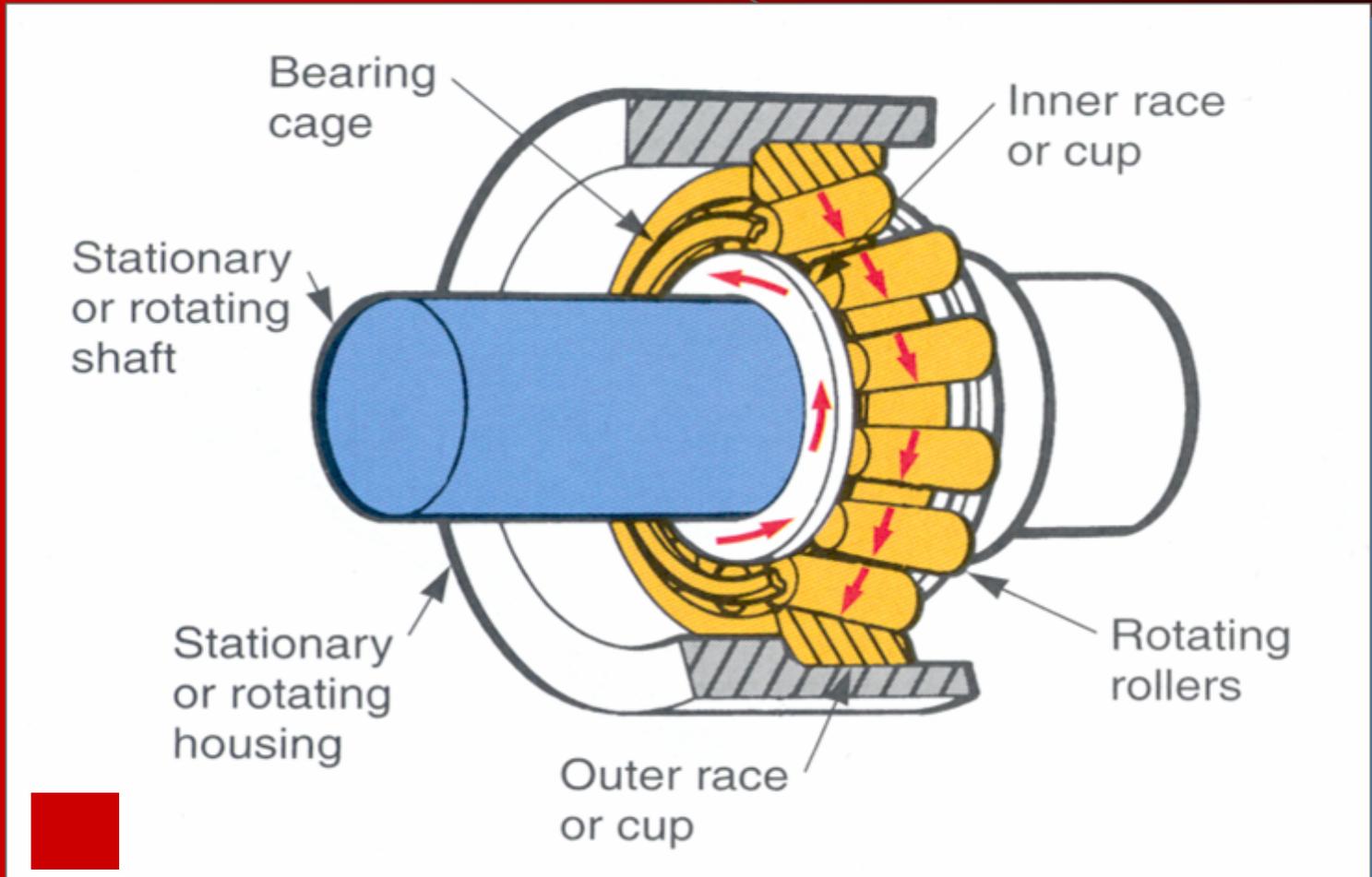
Parts of a Tire



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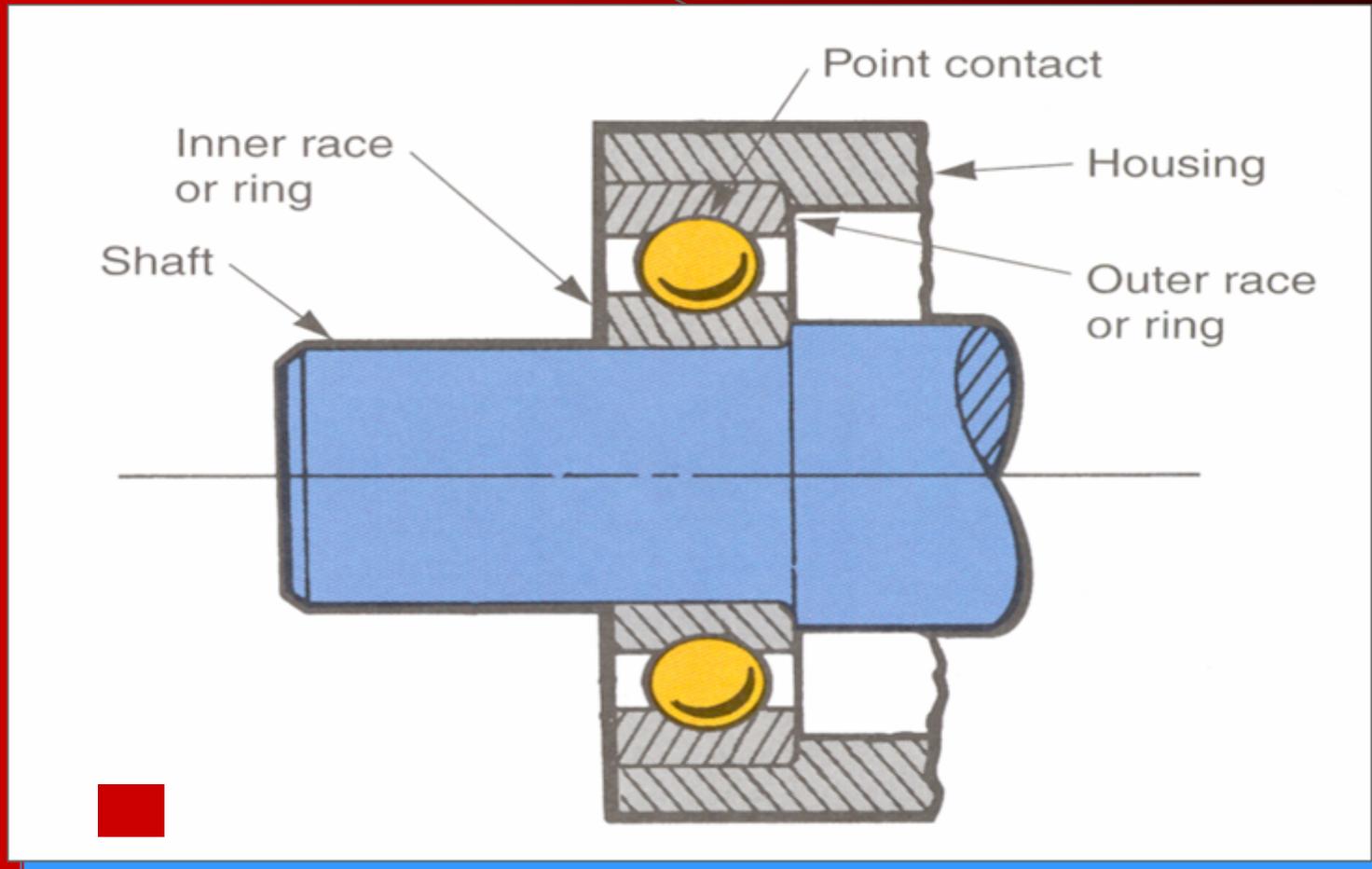
5. On wheel bearings, **BALLS** or **ROLLERS** are the antifriction elements that fit between inner and outer races.
6. An **INNER RACE** is a cup or cone shaped portion of a wheel bearing that rests on spindle or drive axle shaft.

Tapered Roller Bearing



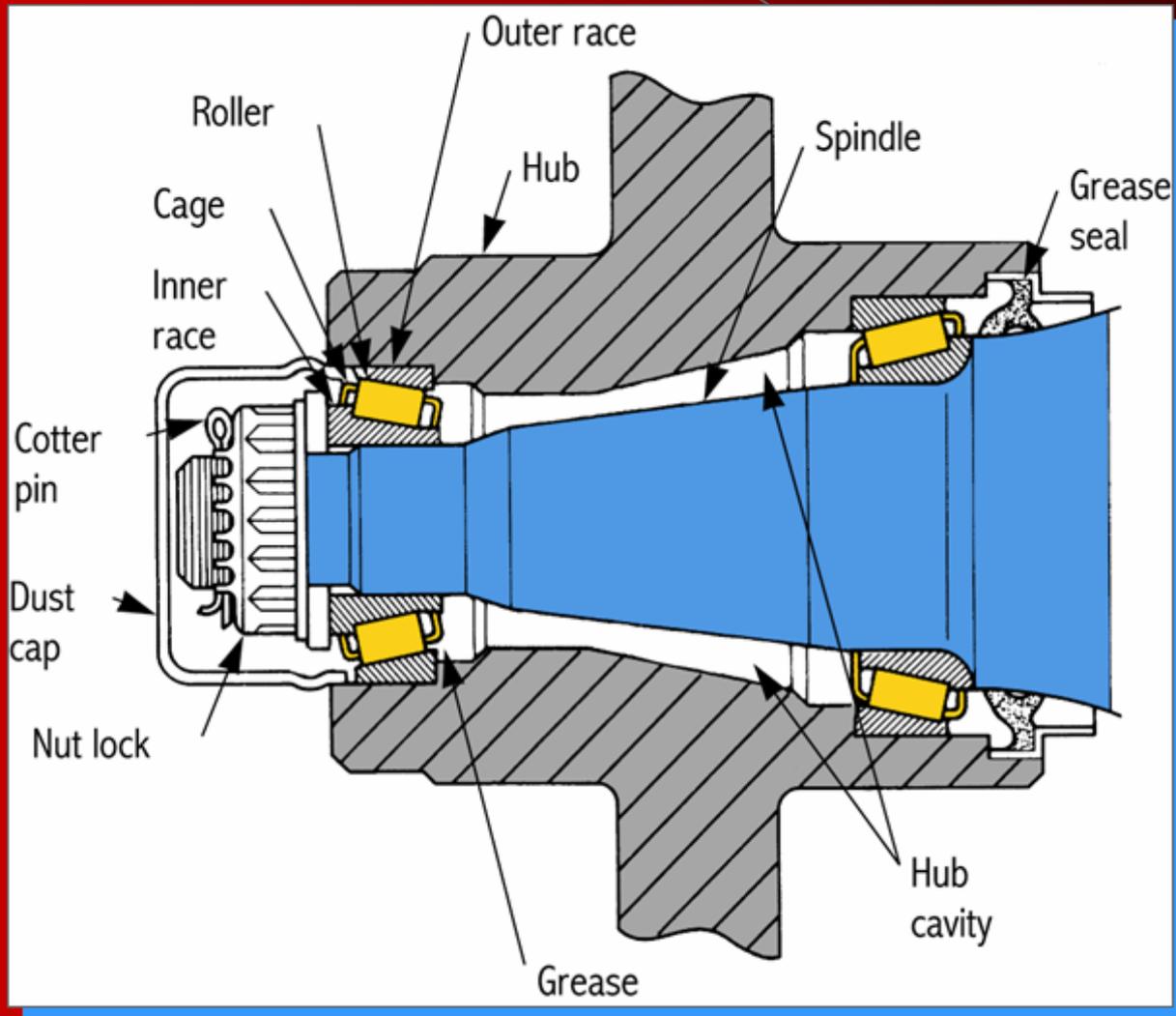
Lubricated with high-temperature grease

Ball Bearing



Balls allow parts to rotate with a minimum amount of friction and wear

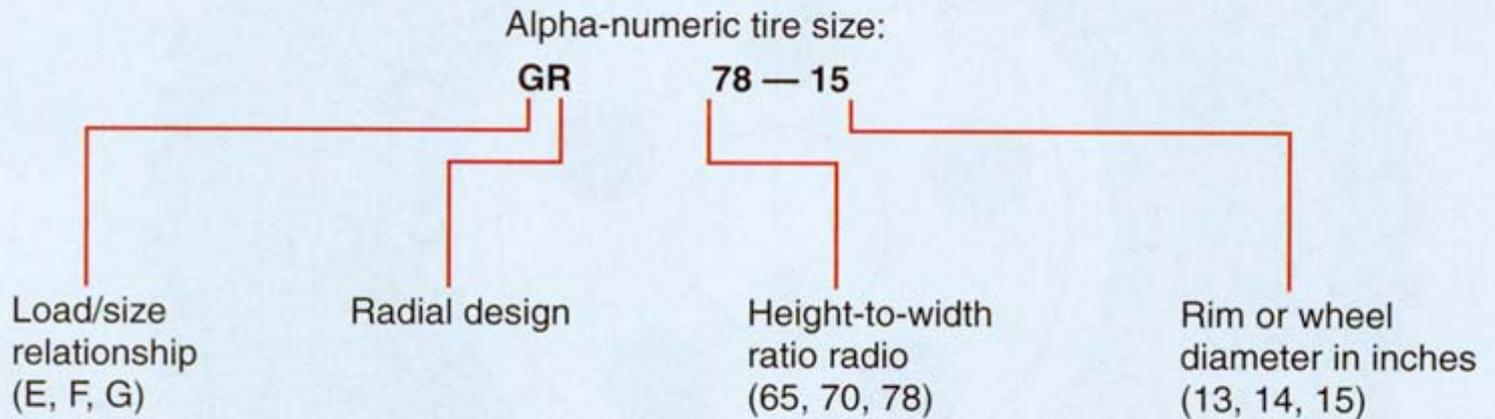
Hub and Wheel Bearing (Non-Driving Wheels)



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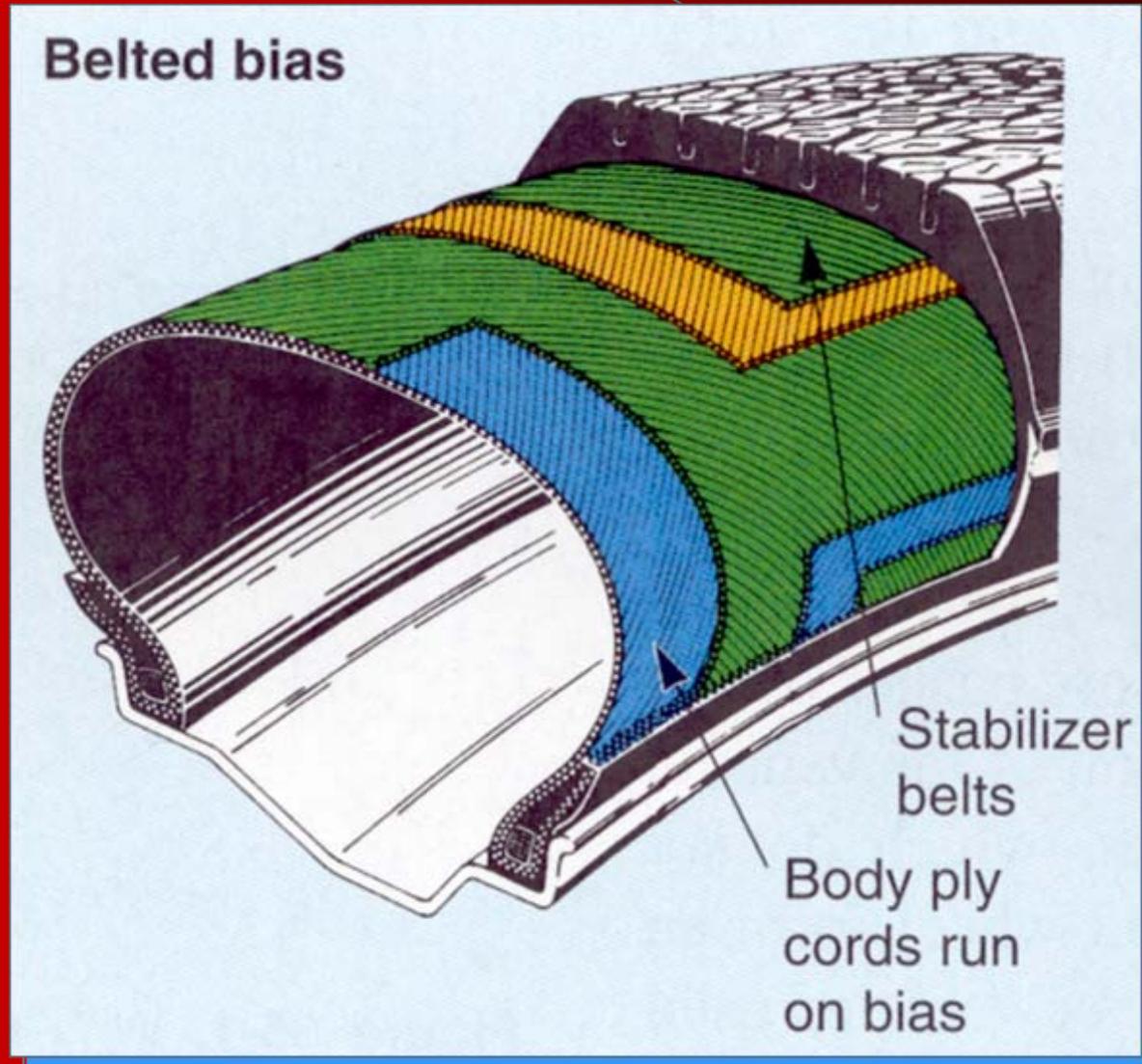
7. The P-Metric identification system for tires uses metric values and international standards.
8. The **BODY PLIES** are rubberized fabric and cords wrapped around the beads of a tire.

Tire Size



P-Metric—Uses metric values and international standards

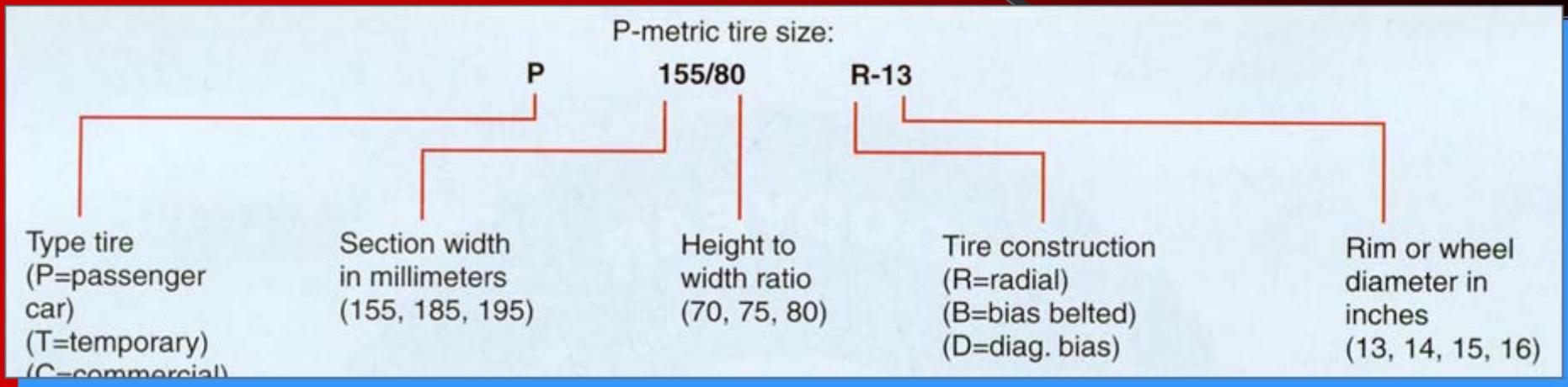
Belted Bias Tire



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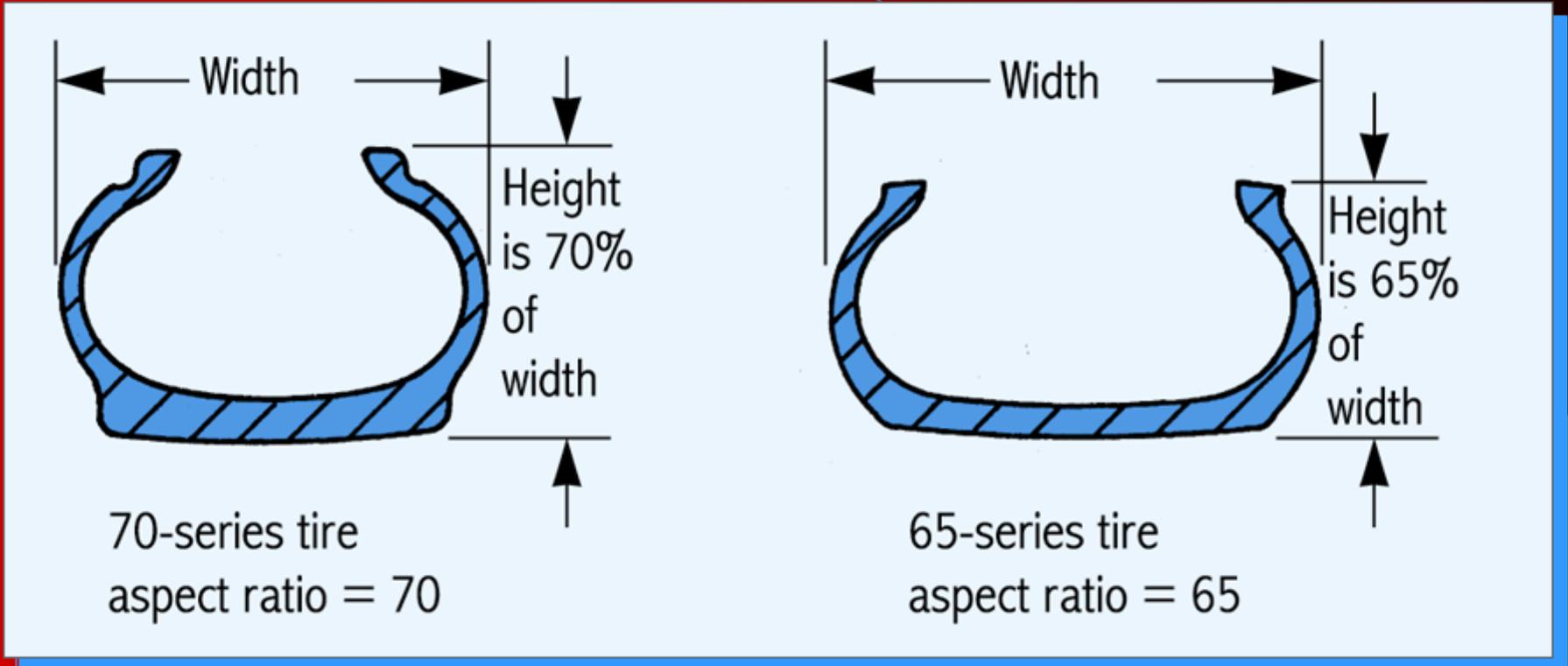
9. The **SIDEWALL** is the outer part of tire extending from bead to tread.
10. Tire size designation using letters and numbers to denote tire sizes in inches and load-carrying capacity in pounds is called an **ALPHA-NUMERIC** measurement system.

Tire Size



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Aspect Ratio

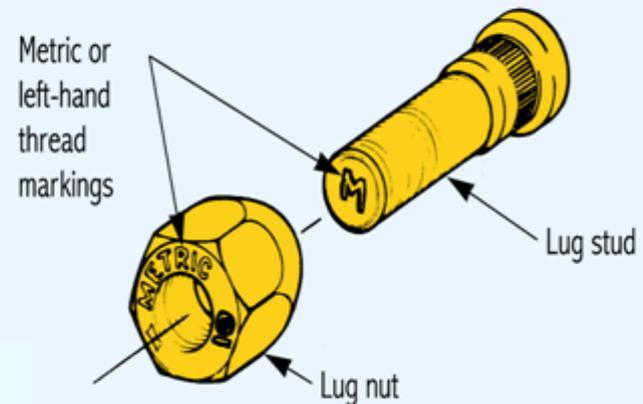
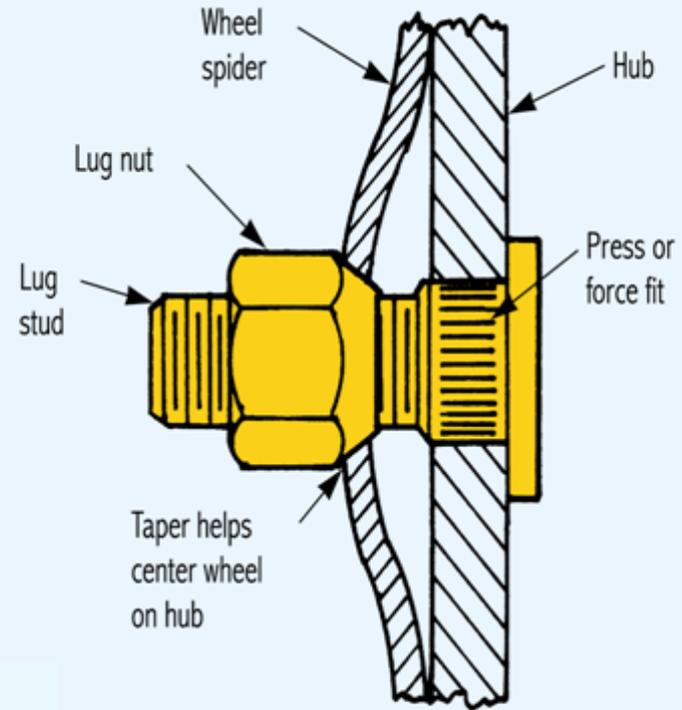


Height-to-width ratio of a tire. Comparison of a tire's height and width

Lug Nut and Stud

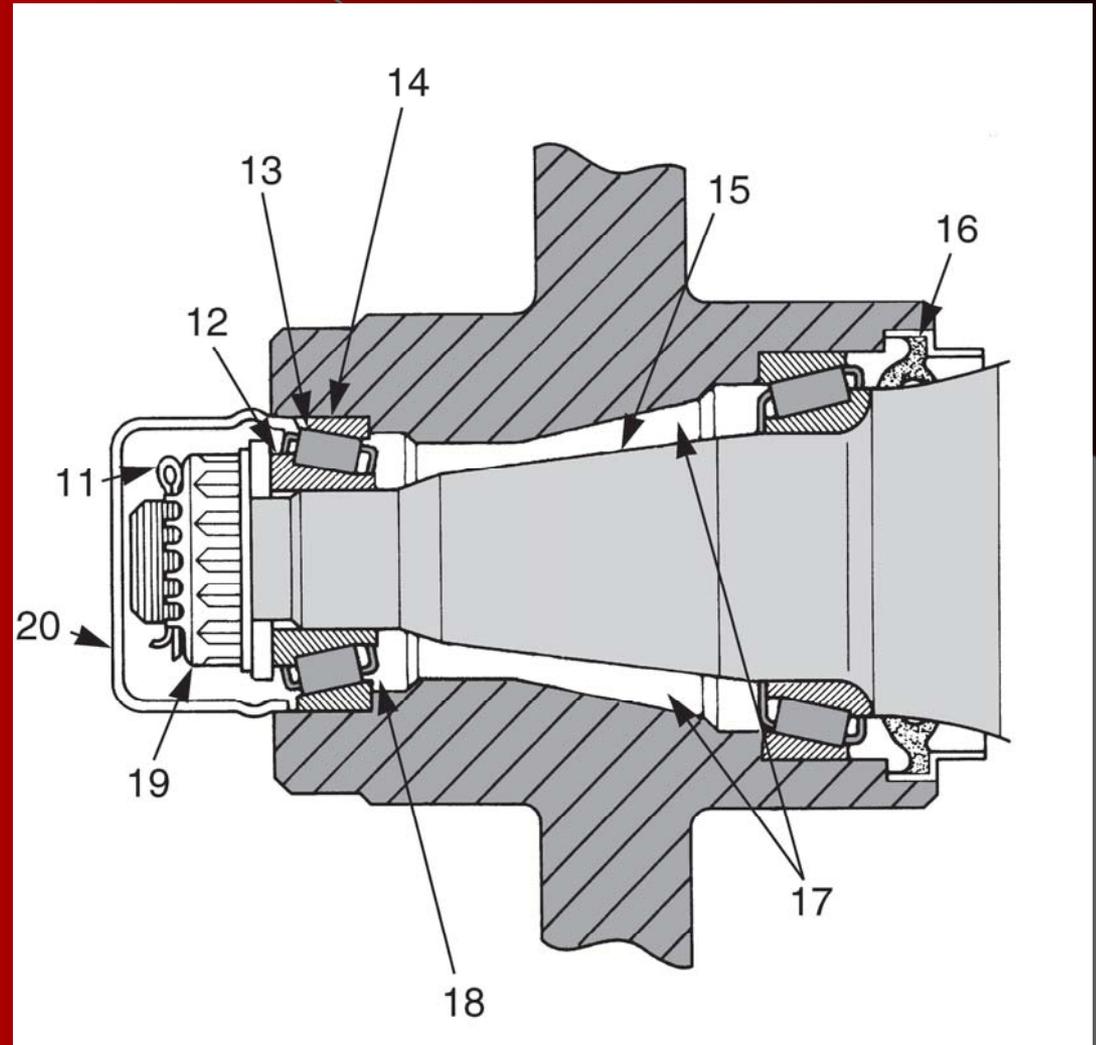
Stud is pressed into the hub or axle flange

If metric or left-hand threads are used, markings will normally be given



Hub and Wheel Bearing (Non-Driving Wheels)

- 11. Cotter pin
- 12. Inner race
- 13. Roller
- 14. Outer race
- 15. Spindle
- 16. Grease seal
- 17. Hub cavity
- 18. Grease
- 19. Nut lock
- 20. Dust cap



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