

for the number of seating positions. Refer to the table ⇒ *table on page 346* for the number of people that correspond to the vehicle normal load.

### New tires or wheels

Audi recommends having all work on tires or wheels performed by an authorized Audi dealer or authorized Audi Service Facility. These facilities have the proper knowledge and are equipped with the required tools and replacement parts.

- ▶ New tires do not yet have the optimum gripping properties. Drive carefully and at moderate speeds for the first 350 miles (500 km) with new tires.
- ▶ Use tires of the same construction, size (rolling circumference) and as close to the same tread pattern as possible on all four wheels.
- ▶ Do not replace tires individually. At least replace both tires on the same axle at the same time.
- ▶ Audi recommends that you use Audi Original Tires. If you would like to use different tires, please note that the tires may perform

differently even if they are the same size ⇒ ⚠.

- ▶ If you would like to equip your vehicle with a tire/rim combination that is different from what was installed at the factory, consult with an authorized Audi dealer or authorized Audi Service Facility before making a purchase ⇒ ⚠.

If the spare tire is different from the regular tires installed on the vehicle - for example, if winter tires or wide tires are installed - then only use the spare tire temporarily in case of emergency and drive carefully while it is in use. It should be replaced with a regular tire as soon as possible.

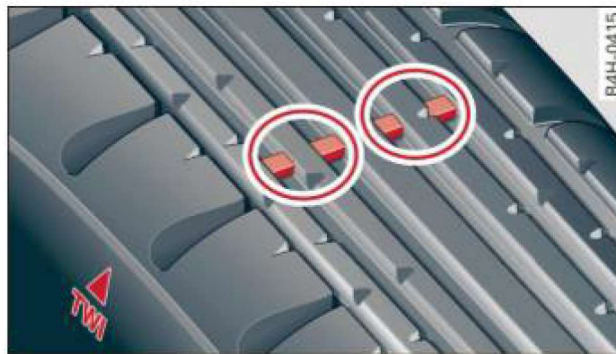
On **all wheel drive** vehicles, all four wheels must be equipped with tires that are the same brand and have the same construction and tread pattern so that the drive system is not damaged by different tire speeds. For this reason, in case of emergency, only use a spare tire that has the same circumference as the regular tires. ▶



**⚠ WARNING**

- Do not use steel rims that are 17 inches or larger. Otherwise, damage to the vehicle and an accident could result.
- For technical reasons, it is not possible to use tires from other vehicles - in some cases, you cannot even use tires from the same vehicle model.
- Make sure that the tires you select have enough clearance to the vehicle. Replacement tires should not be chosen simply based on the nominal size, because tires with a different construction can differ greatly even if they are the same size. If there is not enough clearance, the tires or the vehicle can be damaged and this can reduce driving safety and increase the risk of an accident.
- Only use tires that are more than six years old when absolutely necessary and drive carefully when doing so.
- Do not use run-flat tires on your vehicle. Using them when not permitted can lead to vehicle damage or accidents.

- If you install wheel covers on the vehicle, make sure they allow enough air circulation to cool the brake system. If they do not, this could increase the risk of an accident.

**Tire wear/damage**

**Fig. 275** Tire profile: treadwear indicator

**Tire wear**

- Check the tires regularly for wear.
- Inflation pressure that is too low or high can increase tire wear considerably.
  - Driving quickly through curves, rapid acceleration and heavy braking increase tire wear.
  - Have an authorized Audi dealer or authorized Audi Service Facility check the wheel alignment if there is unusual wear.
  - Have the wheels rebalanced if an imbalance is causing noticeable vibration in the steering wheel. If you do not, the tires and other ►