



European winter tyre regulations for Passenger and Light Truck Tyres

Winter 2023/2024

Country	Winter regulations	Winter period	Studded tyres	Minimum tread depth (in mm)
Albania 	No obligation			1.6
Austria 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol and/or 3PMSF - Summer tyres must be equipped with snow chains on at least one drive axle (if allowed).	01.11. - 15.04. if winter conditions.	Allowed with spike sticker on car, but forbidden from 01.06. - 30.09.	4
Belgium 	No obligation		Allowed from 01.11 - 31.03. on vehicles not heavier than 3.5T. A "60" km/h plate has to be applied on the back of the vehicles equipped with studs.	1.6
Bosnia-Herzegovina 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	15.11. - 15.04.	Forbidden	4
Belarus 	- Winter tyres with M+S or 3PMSF	01.12. - 01.03.	Allowed	4
Bulgaria 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol / but listed in no obligation - DOT < 5217 can M+S and DOT > 0118 need 3PMSF	01.11. - 31.03.	Forbidden	4
Croatia 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	15.11 - 15.04.		4
Cyprus 	No obligation			1.6
Czech Republic 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	01.11. - 31.03.	Forbidden	4
Denmark 	No obligation		Allowed from 01.11. - 15.04.	1.6

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Estonia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter tyres with M+S symbol - From 01.12.2022 3PMSF required for studded tyres (exception POR tyres) - DOT < 5217 can M+S and DOT > 0118 need 3PMSF 	01.12. - 01.03.	Allowed from 15.10. - 31.03.	3
Finland 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter tyres with M+S and/or 3PMSF symbol 	Mandatory 01.11. - 31.03. if winter conditions.	Allowed from 01.10. - 31.03. or Easter in "winter" conditions.	3
France 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter tyres shall be marked with 3PMSF (Alpine) symbol from 01-11 - 31.03 - M+S marked tyres are allowed until 01.11.2024 	01.11. - 31.03.	Allowed from 01.11. - 31.03. or Easter in "winter" conditions.	1.6
Germany 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter tyre with 3PMSF symbol - DOT < 5217 can M+S and DOT > 0118 need 3PMSF 	Situational winter tyres		1.6
Greece 	No obligation			1.6
Hungary 	No obligation			
Iceland 	- Winter tyres recommended	Situational winter tyres	Allowed from 01.11. - 15.04.	3
Ireland 	No obligation			
Italy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter tyres with M+S symbol or snow chains on board 	15.11. - 15-04. only where mandatory by local authorities rules.		1.6
Kosovo 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	15.11. - 01.03.		4
Latvia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter tyres with M+S symbol - DOT < 5217 can M+S and DOT > 0118 need 3PMSF 	01.12. - 01.03.	Allowed from 01.10. - 01.05.	4
Liechtenstein 	No legal requirements (The vehicle must be safe to operate and always be able to be driven). In the event of damage, the insurance company may reduce payments. Only 3PMSF tyres are considered winter tyres.	Situational winter tyres	Permitted for vehicles <7,5 t GVW between 01.11. - 30.04. or on snow covered roads.	1.6
Lithuania 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	01.11. - 01.04.	Allowed from 01.11. - 01.04.	3
Luxembourg 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	Situational winter tyres		1.6
North Macedonia 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	15.11. - 31.03.	Forbidden	4

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Malta 	No obligation			
Moldova 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	Situational winter tyres, mandatory from 01.12. - 28.03.	Allowed from 01.09. - 01.06. but only on snow covered or ice covered roads.	4
Montenegro 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	15.11. - 01.04.		4
Netherlands 	No obligation			1.6
Norway 	- Winter tyres with M+S and/or 3PMSF symbol	Norway South: 01.11. - first Sunday after Easter. Norway North: 16.10. - 30.04.	Allowed with spike sticker In South 01.11. - 1st Monday after Easter. In North 16.10. - 30.04.	3
Poland 	- Winter tyres with 3PMSF symbol recommended but not mandatory		Forbidden	1.6
Portugal 	No obligation			1.6
Romania 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	Situational winter tyres	Forbidden	1.6
Serbia 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	01.11. - 01.04.		4
Slovakia 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	15.11. - 31.03.	Forbidden	3
Slovenia 	- Winter tyres with M+S symbol	15.11. - 15.03.	Forbidden	3
Spain 	No obligation	No obligation	Forbidden	1.6
Sweden 	- Winter tyres with 3PMSF symbol	01.12. - 31.03. if winter conditions.	Allowed from 01.10. - 15.04.	3
Switzerland 	No legal requirements (The vehicle must be safe to operate and always be able to be driven). In the event of damage, the insurance company may reduce payments. Only 3PMSF tyres are considered winter tyres.	Situational winter tyres	Permitted for vehicles <7,5 t GVW between 01.11. - 30.04. or on snow covered roads.	1.6
Türkiye 	- Winter tyres with M+S and/or 3PMSF symbol	01.12. - 01.04.	Forbidden	1.6
Ukraine 	- Winter tyres with M+S and/or 3PMSF symbol		Allowed	4
United Kingdom 	No obligation			

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Despite careful research, we cannot guarantee that the information is correct and complete.

M+S

Tyres marked with M+S (Mud+Snow) provide a tread pattern or structure that is designed to deliver performance that exceeds that of a standard tyre in snowy conditions. The M+S label is not subject to a defined test procedure.



Three-Peak Mountain Snowflake (3PMSF) tyres deliver winter performance that is legally certified. These tyres have to pass a test on a snow-covered road and have at least 25% better traction than a standard reference tyre.



Winter tyres from Continental are marked with the snowflake symbol on the tyre wall. Not only do Continental winter tyres easily outperform M+S tyres, they also significantly exceed the requirements of the “Three-Peak Mountain Snowflake” symbol (3PMSF). The development of winter tyres from Continental is based on many years of experience and practical knowledge gained from using the tyres in the low temperatures found in Scandinavian countries. These special winter tyres offer a distinct advantage for a safe journey on snow-covered or icy roads.

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