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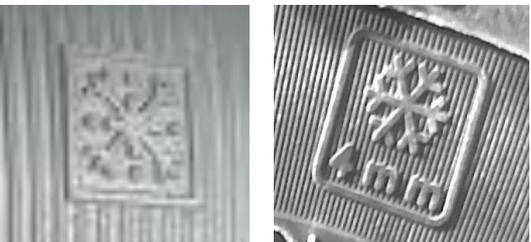


Drive Safely Through the Winter!

In Germany it has become law that all motor vehicles are required to have the proper tires mounted according to the road conditions. What this means is that you must have winter tires mounted when the weather starts going bad. While Germany does not have a specific date to have winter tires, the law states winter tires are required during winter weather.

Amended in 2010, the German traffic regulation made winter tires a legal requirement during glazed ice, packed snow, slush, frost or other icy weather conditions and applies to two-, three- and four-wheeled vehicles. Non-compliance can result in a fine of €40 and €80 if involved in an accident or if your vehicle becomes a hazard in the roadway due to inclement weather and having the wrong tires.

Winter tires may be marked with a Mud and Snow "M+S" label, a snowflake or an alpine symbol. All weather or all season tires must bear one of these markings and have at least 4mm of tread depth to qualify as winter tires.



Information on Tires

Winter tires have maximum speeds allowed from the manufacture and are codes on the sidewall of the tire. Some common ratings are P (93mph), Q (99mph), S (112mph), T (118mph), H (130mph), W (168), and Y (186mph). Always check with the tire manufacturer to ensure correct speed ratings.

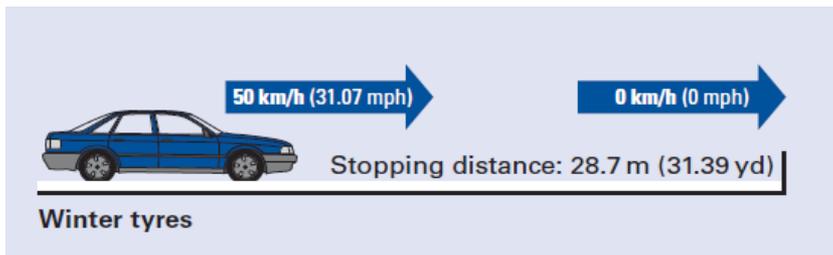
Replace winter tires when damaged (cracks, bulges) or after six years of use. You must have at least 4mm of tread on your tires.

The contact area of your tires and the road is small; about the size of a postcard so use caution and do not begin a journey without the proper tires or drive outside of your comfort level.

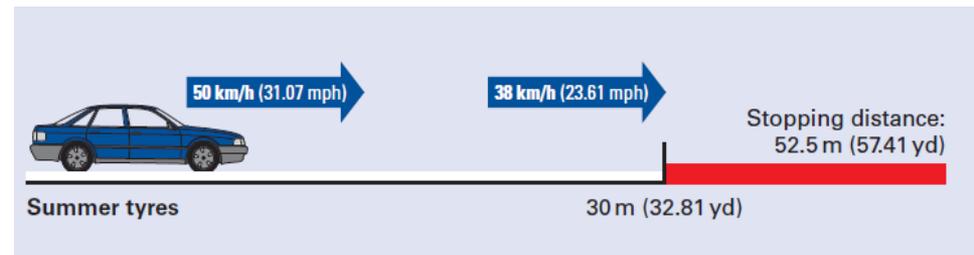
If you are uncomfortable, for whatever reason, slow down or do not drive!

Braking distance between winter and summer tires on snow covered roads.

At 50 kph/31 mph, a vehicle with snow tires in inclement weather will stop within 30 meters.



At the same speed of 50 kph/31 mph, a vehicle with summer tires in inclement weather will strike an obstacle at the same 30 meters at speeds of 38kph/23.6MPH.



Information on Road Conditions

Road conditions posted online or stated by the Military Police are not applicable to the civilian workforce when travelling off-post. Road conditions are planning tools for Military Commanders only. These road conditions dictate whether or not military tactical and non-tactical vehicles, US School busses, US Shuttle services are dispatched, whether or not US facilities are closed, or if work reporting times are delayed. These road conditions **do not** apply to the civilian workforce (German and US Government), privately owned vehicles, or the local community when travelling off-post. All civilian workers **must** contact their supervisors for guidance in any inclement weather.

To find out the road conditions and to find out if Schools or US facilities are being closed or there is a work delay due to inclement weather call: 09802-83-3882 DSN 467-3882.

If you have an emergency call 09802-83-114 (Military Police), 09841-83-117 (Fire Department) 110 (Polizei), or 112 (Ambulance)

There is a downloadable reference card with all the Emergency numbers on it at:

<http://www.ansbach.army.mil/documents/EmergencyPhoneNumbers.pdf>

The IMCOM road conditions web page is at: http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/webs/sites/staff_org/safety/road_conditions/index.asp