

# WINTER TYRES ON SWEDISH WINTER ROADS



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**During the period from 1 December to 31 March there are special requirements in Sweden on which type of tyre a certain vehicle is to have when there are wintry conditions on the road. These requirements apply to both light and heavy vehicles, as well as for vehicles registered in Sweden and abroad.**

The road conditions are considered to be wintry when there is snow, ice, slush or frost on any part of the road. The Swedish Police decides whether there are wintry conditions on a certain road.

Winter tyres are produced specifically for winter driving and are labelled M+S (M.S, M-S, M&S or Mud and Snow). Winter tyres can be studded or non-studded. Studded tyres may be used from 1 October to 15 April.

## **Private cars and light vehicles**

The requirement for winter tyres or equivalent equipment applies to private car class I, private car class II (camper) with a maximum total weight of 3.5 metric tons, light truck, light bus and trailers towed by these vehicles.

The depth of the tyre tread has to be at least 3 millimetres during wintry road conditions. Furthermore, if the car has studded tyres, then the trailer must also have studded tyres during wintry road conditions.

## **Trucks, buses and campers**

As from 1 January 2013, heavy trucks, heavy buses and private cars class II (campers) with a total weight of more than 3.5 metric tons, are to have winter tyres or equivalent equipment on the vehicle's driven wheels when there are wintry conditions on the roads during the period from 1 December to 31 March. This requirement applies to all tyres on driven wheels. Please observe that front-wheel drive vehicles are to be fitted with winter tyres or equivalent equipment on the vehicle's rear wheels as well.

Equivalent equipment refers to, among other things, snow chains, slip protection and certain tyres with solid-block elements. Block tyres with winter tyre treads labelled M+S or tyres labelled with the symbol alpine peak/snowflake (3PMSF) should be considered winter tyres.

The depth of the tyre tread of all tyres on heavy vehicles is to be at least 5 millimetres during wintry road conditions. This requirement does not apply to attached trailers.

More information can be found on the Swedish Transport Agency's website:  
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