



Driving abroad this winter?

Do you know the legislation regarding winter or Cold Weather tyres across Europe? Well here is a brief guide, to whether or not you are required to fit winter tyres to your vehicle when travelling abroad. Next week we will be telling you the benefits of fitting winter tyres even in this country!

Austria, France: On some of the higher mountain passes you are required to have winter tyres fitted with more than 4mm of tread, other than that you are not legally required to have them.

Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg, Denmark, Italy: Winter tyres are not mandatory across these countries but highly recommended, especially considering the last two winters they have had!

Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania: Winter tyres are legally required from November/December until 1st April. This applies to tourists as well.

Finland: Winter tyres are mandatory between 1st December till 1st March for everyone including tourists, and they have to be more than 3mm.

Germany: The law states you are required to fit tyres suitable for the season. If you cause an accident due to having the wrong tyres on you will be fined 20 euros, and if you cause a traffic jam for the same reason you will be fined 40 euros!!!

Norway: Winter tyres are not required by law, however you are required to have tyres on with sufficient grip and more than 3mm. Tourists included.

Sweden: The law states you must have winter tyres between 1st Dec till 31st Mar, if there are winter conditions. This does not apply to tourists but you must have more than 3mm of tread left.

Russia and Eastern European: No legislation to have winter tyres, but it is highly recommended that you do fit them.

As you will see from next weeks info-ad we would definitely recommend fitting winter tyres if you are travelling anywhere where the temperature falls below 7 degrees C. This information was taken from leading UK magazine 'Tyres and Accessories'. We would recommend contacting the tourist board for the country you are going to, to confirm what is legally required, and what they recommend.

Yet again please be aware that this is only our opinion. Please write in with your questions to T.W. Tyres, 11 Paynes Lane, Rugby, CV21 2UH, or email us at info@twtyres.com. We are open Monday to Friday 8am till 5.30pm and Saturday is 8am till 3pm. For tyres, exhausts, batteries and motorbike enquiries please call us on 542292. For servicing, repairs and car MOTs you can contact us on 544339.