

WINTER TYRES “GERMANY”

On Friday 26 November 2010 the German law on winter tyres was amended to state what a winter tyre is and when it must be used. As such: **‘German law now requires that winter tyres (marked with a snowflake) or Mud & Snow tyres (marked “M&S”, “M+S” or “M.S.”) must be fitted when the vehicle is used in certain winter/adverse weather conditions,’** such as:

Black ice
Snow
Slush
Icy and or frosty roads.

Unlike other countries, in Germany there is no specified period of time when winter/M+S tyres have to be fitted.

Furthermore, the penalties for not having the winter tyres fitted are €40 if stopped and checked and €80 if the lack of suitable tyres causes an obstruction to other traffic.

Rental Cars

The winter tyre rule applies to all drivers, even if they do not own the vehicle! This means if you are renting a car in Germany in the winter, make sure it has winter tyres or all weather tyres. The rule also applies to motorbikes, trucks and buses, but trucks and buses only have to have winter/M+S tyres fitted to the drive axle.

BFG Personnel should seek the advice of their vehicle manufacturer as to the correct tyre specification for use on their vehicle.

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