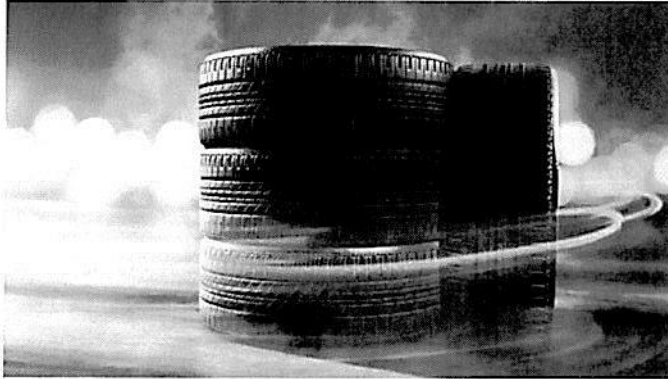


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## Reregulation of Winter tires



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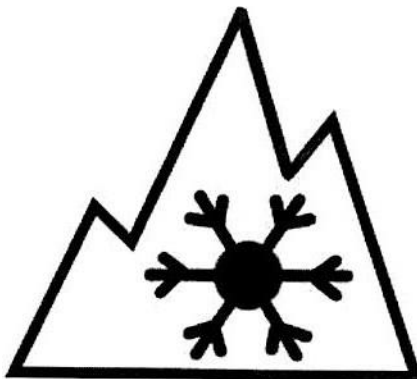
The Zweiundfunzigsten regulation amending StraBenverkehrsrechtlicher provisions of 18 May 2017 (BGBl I p. 1282) laid down the technical requirements for winter tires and the rules of the bicycle lighting in the StraBenverkehrs approval order (StVZO), the Stral1enverkehrs Order (traffic) and the Bul1geldkatalog Regulation (BKatV). The regulation entered into effect on 01.06.2017.

### Winter tires

The Federal Council had asked the German Government to pronounce and provided the situational winter tire duty which went into effect in the year 2010. In the interests of the consumer and the high standard of road safety, the Zweiundfunzigsten regulation amending Stral1enverkehrsrechtlicher Regulations redrafted and provide the winter tire definition.

New is:

- As winter tires, only tires that are marked with the so-called Alpine symbol are valid. This is the minimum requirements to achieve proper performance of Winter tires when driving on snow covered roads. The "Alpine" symbol becomes the quality standard for winter tires.



Source: BMVI

- Obergangsfrist: M + S tires manufactured before 31.12.2017, can be used up to 30.09.2024 (even in winter conditions).
- Some vehicles (e.g. motorized medical chairs, single vehicles) have been exempted from the situational winter tire requirement, as there are no winter tires for these vehicles. For these vehicles, a special additional due diligence clause for driving without winter tires on roads with, snow covered, slush, or ice was added to the traffic instead. In practice this means that the driver must plan for any hazardous conditions on roadways before the start of the journey, whether it is necessary to drive during winter conditions if their destination cannot be reached by other means of transport. During hazardous winter road conditions, the driver must maintain a distance to the vehicle ahead of at least the half of the speed driven in meters (half the speedometer) and does not have to drive faster than 50 km/h, unless a lower speed is offered.
- From now on, the holder is also held responsible if he or she even orders that his vehicle is on the road with snow or smooth ice without winter tires. For this, a fine of 75 euros is now foreseen for violators.

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