

Understanding Markings for Winter Tyres.

Winter tyres have two main characteristics: rubber compounds which remain relatively soft even in cold conditions as well as a deeply grooved tread pattern designed to provide optimal grip at very low temperatures (dry, wet, snowy or icy).

They can be distinguished by special markings on their sidewalls. These markings are either a Three Peak Mountain Snowflake (3PMSF) or a “M+S” symbol.

Tyres with “M+S” markings on their sidewalls should be considered snow tyres purely from a regulatory viewpoint. As this marking is not associated to any mandatory performance test, there is no guarantee on their actual performance.

On the contrary, 3PMSF (3 Peak Mountain Snow Flake) marked tyres are true winter tyres. They have undergone thorough testing to guarantee their performance in winter condition. ATIC recommends using 3PMSF marked tyres if you require real winter tyres.



Winter tyres should be fitted to your vehicle only if you expect to consistently operate at temperatures below +7° C.

On the other hand, summer tyres guarantee the maximum safety performance above +7°C. Their compounds and design enable good grip and handling on both dry and wet roads in warmer conditions, while providing higher levels of longevity, fuel efficiency and comfort.

Please remember: If you decide to fit winter tyres, remember to **fit them in sets of four** to ensure the stability of your vehicle is not jeopardised!

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