

Continental Releases Overview of European Winter Tire Regulations 2019/2020

- **Overview presents regulations on the use of winter equipment for trucks and buses**
- **Alpine symbol-marked tires become more relevant in several countries**
- **As of now, all Continental steer tires in sizes 17.5" and 19.5" for Europe are also available as Alpine symbol-certified variants**

Hanover, September 17, 2019. To support fleet operators in complying with the latest regulatory requirements, Continental – technology company and manufacturer of premium tires – is once again releasing an overview of the European regulations regarding winter equipment for trucks and buses at <http://www.continental-truck-tires.com/winter>. With the winter season 2019/2020 Alpine symbol-marked tires are becoming more relevant in several countries. In line with regulatory changes, Continental finalizes the adaption of its portfolio: As of now, all truck and bus tires for the steer and drive axle in inch sizes 17.5, 19.5 and 22.5 are available as Alpine symbol-certified variants.

M+S, Alpine symbol, snowflake symbol – what makes a winter tire?

For driving safely with optimal traction even on damp or icy roads, Continental recommends fitting trucks and buses with winter tires on steer and drive axles for the cold winter season. Identified by the snowflake symbol on the tire wall, the dedicated winter tire portfolio by Continental easily outperforms M+S tires and also significantly exceeds the requirements of the Alpine symbol certification. For winter tires to be labeled with the Alpine symbol, they have to pass a standard practical test defined in UN regulation 117 and exhibit suitability for winter use on snowy roads in a braking and traction comparison test. Tires marked with M+S (Mud + Snow) provide a tread pattern or structure that is designed to deliver performance that exceeds that of a standard tire in snowy conditions. The M+S label is not subject to a defined test procedure.



Continental develops pioneering technologies and services for sustainable and connected mobility of people and their goods. Founded in 1871, the technology company offers safe, efficient, intelligent, and affordable solutions for vehicles, machines, traffic and transportation. In 2018, Continental generated sales of €44.4 billion and currently employs more than 244,000 people in 60 countries and markets.

The **Tire division** has 24 production and development locations worldwide. As one of the leading tire manufacturers with around 56,000 employees, the division posted sales of €11.4 billion in 2018. Continental ranks among the technology leaders in tire production and offers a broad product range for passenger cars, commercial vehicles and two-wheelers. Through continuous investment in R&D, Continental makes a major contribution to safe, cost-effective and ecologically efficient mobility. The Tire division's portfolio includes services for the tire trade and for fleet applications, as well as digital management systems for commercial vehicle tires.

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