

SELECTING THE BEST SNOW TIRES

Texans can experience heavy snow conditions, perhaps especially in the more northern sections of the state – although the southeast part of the state experienced significant snow fall as recently as December 4, 2009. If you live in an area where it snows a fair amount you should get four good snow tires. Nothing will make a bigger difference. Safe driving anytime can reduce the incidence of loss from traffic accidents – and an contribute to lower insurance rates.

The following summarizes information about snow tires.

1. Every manufacturer puts out good snow tires – or winter tires, or all season tires. The difference in performance is in making sure the tires are the right size for the car and the right feel for the driver.
2. Some tires have deeper treads and larger lugs and offer a noisier ride on dry pavement but more traction in snow. Other tires have less pronounced tread, somewhat less traction but offer a quieter and smoother ride on dry pavement.
3. Never mix radials and normal tires.
4. The American Automobile Association advises you to check tires for war and to make sure they are properly inflated. Colder temperatures mean a difference in air pressure. The formula is 1 psi for every 10 degrees Fahrenheit of temperature. You should check tire pressure often, before setting out, when the tires are cold, especially in fall and spring when temperatures are changing most dramatically.

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