

Checklist: Drive safely during the winter holiday season



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Tyres

- Winter tyres
 - Alpine symbol (mountain plus snowflake)
 - 1.6 mm minimum tread depth, preferably 4 mm
 - 7 to 9 BAR tyre pressure (depending on vehicle and tyre size)
 - add 0.1 to 0.2 BAR to improve traction
- M+S tyres
 - Cannot be used in Germany after 2024!

Motor

- Motor oil (viscosity)
 - Check W value (viscosity at low temperatures, e.g. 0w20)
- Anti-freeze
 - Ensure you have anti-freeze for radiator and windscreen wipers
- Battery
 - Ensure it is functioning optimally as it is subject to heavier loads in winter

Before starting your journey

- Check that the heater and defroster are working
- Check brake and headlight function
- Test all gaskets and cables, especially those on the underside of the truck
- Regularly clean all lights, windows, windscreens and mirrors
- Remove any sheets of ice from the top of the truck (if you often drive in extremely cold conditions, you may want to invest in automatic de-icing systems for the roof of your truck)

Other Equipment

- Warm clothing (winter jacket and boots, gloves, a warm hat)
- Plastic ice scraper, hammer, screwdriver, shovel
- Snow chains and grit
- An adequate supply of food and water
- A propane heater and a lighter
- Methanol (for fuel and pneumatic lines)
- Phone charger and/or power bank

Driving tips

- Adjust your driving style to match winter conditions
- Keep headlights on
- Keep both hands on the wheel to improve control in the event of black ice, ice or blowing snow