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To Whom It May Concern,

The U.S. Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) and the Rubber Association of Canada (RAC) have established a performance-based snow traction standard to help law enforcement officials and consumers identify tires designed to provide a higher level of snow traction in harsh winter conditions that applies to passenger and light truck tires.

A "Traction Tire" is a studded tire or other tire that meets the tire industry definition as suitable for use in severe snow conditions by attaining a traction index equal to, or greater than 110 (compared to a reference tire rated 100) during traction tests on packed snow and may have a the mountain/snowflake symbol embossed on their sidewall.

However some tires that meet the standard for use in severe snow conditions, but were developed and/or produced before the standard went into effect may not be identified with the symbol.

The Oregon legislature has approved that all tires meeting the Rubber Manufacturer Association definition for "Tires Suitable for Use in Severe Snow Conditions" would be considered "traction tires" and allowed for their use in place of studded tires when traveling through Oregon snow zones whether or not they are branded with the mountain/snowflake symbol.

The following list identifies the dedicated winter tires currently or previously sold by The Tire Rack that manufacturers have identified meet the standards that may, or may not be branded with the symbol:

Regards,

The Tire Rack Team

Bridgestone

- Blizzak DM-Z3
- Blizzak LM-18
- Blizzak LM-22
- Blizzak LM-25
- Blizzak LM-25 4X4
- Blizzak LM-50 RFT
- Blizzak MZ-01
- Blizzak MZ-02
- Blizzak MZ-03
- Blizzak REVO 1
- Blizzak W965
- Blizzak WS-15
- Blizzak WS-50
- Blizzak WS60
- Winter Dueler DM-Z2

Continental Tire

- 4X4 WinterContact
- Vanco Winter
- WinterContact TS790
- WinterContact TS790V
- WinterContact TS810
- WinterContact TS810S

Dunlop

- Grandtrek SJ4
- Grandtrek SJ5
- Grandtrek SJ6
- Grandtrek WT M2
- Grandtrek WT M3
- Graspic DS-2
- Graspic HS-1
- Graspic HS-2
- Radial Rover R/T
- SP Winter Sport 3D
- SP Winter Sport M2
- SP Winter Sport M3
- SP Winter Studdable

Firestone

- Firehawk PVS
- Winterfire

Goodyear

- Eagle M+S EMT
- Eagle Ultra Grip GW3
- Ultra Grip Ice
- Ultra Grip Performance
- Wrangler Ultra Grip SUV

Michelin

- 4X4 Alpin
- Arctic Alpin
- Latitude Alpin HP
- Latitude X-Ice
- Pilot Alpin
- Pilot Alpin PA2
- Pilot Alpin PA3
- Primacy Alpin PA3
- X-Ice
- XM+S Alpin

Pirelli

- Scorpion Ice & Snow
- Winter 190 SnowControl
- Winter 210 Asimmetrico
- Winter 210 SnowSport
- Winter 210 Sottozero
- Winter 240 SnowSport
- Winter 240 Sottozero
- Winter Carving
- Winter Carving Edge
- Winter Ice Asimmetrico
- Winter Ice Direzionale
- Winter Ice Plus Asimmetrico
- Winter Ice Plus Direzionale
- Winter S-2

Wintermaster

- Wintermaster Plus

Winterforce

- Winterforce M+S