

Winter tyres dimension 195/65 R 15

SAFE DURING ICY WINTERS

Next winter is coming. Everything will be fine with the tyres helping

I F WE TRUST the old sayings, hot summers are often followed by harsh and snowy winters. To prepare ourselves as drivers for this, we should take a look right now at the winter tyres we have in storage. Worn down treads under four millimetres and old rubber, over six years old, worsen grip significantly in winter weather.

On the other hand, new tyres right out of the factory will win you over greatly with shorter braking distances and maximum safety reserves.

Our tip for all those who want to go for it this year is to get their hands on those tyres BEFORE the start of the winter season and the first snow chaos, when there is still a wide selection and prices are affordable.

But which tyres should you choose? There are over 50 brands to choose from in the 195/65 R 15 dimension we tested alone. AUTOBILD bought them and then tested them on snow, in the rain and on dry roads. Of course, we also checked cost effectiveness and carried out a wear test. At the end we

recommend four well-balanced winter talents. You will find all individual results on the following pages. You can also choose your personal favourite according to your requirements. ➔

If it's hot from Petri to Lorenzi*, it will be a long white winter

* 1 to 10 August, folk saying

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OVER 50 CANDIDATES IN BRAKE TEST, HERE EVERY CENTIMETRE COUNTS

Qualified for the finals

Tyre brand	Braking distance in m		
	Wet*	Snow**	Total
1 Continental WinterContact TS 860	34,5	27,6	62,1
2 Fulda Kristall Control HP2	34,8	27,6	62,4
3 Goodyear UltraGrip 9	35,5	27,0	62,5
4 Hankook Winter icept RS2	34,9	27,7	62,6
5 Dunlop Winter Sport 5	34,8	28,1	62,9
6 Kleber Krisalp HP 3	35,9	27,1	63,0
7 Pirelli Cinturato Winter	35,9	27,4	63,3
8 Semperit Master-Grip 2	35,9	27,4	63,3
9 Uniroyal MS plus 77	36,1	27,9	64,0
10 Bridgestone Blizzak LM 001-Evo	34,3	29,8	64,1
11 Falken Eurowinter HS01	36,2	28,0	64,2
12 Barum Polarix 3	36,7	27,8	64,5
13 Debica Frigo HP2	36,6	28,1	64,7
14 Nokian WR D4	37,3	27,6	64,9
15 Gislaved Euro Frost 6	37,0	28,1	65,1
16 Matador MP92 Sibir Snow	36,6	28,6	65,2
17 Michelin Alpin 5	37,1	28,4	65,5
18 Vredestein Snowtrac 5	38,0	27,9	65,9
19 Firestone Winterhawk 3	38,2	27,8	66,0
20 Yokohama BluEarth-Winter (V905)	36,6	29,5	66,1

Didn't pass due to too long braking distances

21 Nexen Winguard Snow'G WH2	36,8	29,4	66,2
22 Apollo Alnac 4G Winter	37,8	28,7	66,5
23 Kumho Wintercraft WP51	38,8	28,0	66,8
24 Giti GitiWinter W1	38,9	28,0	66,9
25 Cooper Weather-Master SA2 +	37,0	30,1	67,1
26 Toyo Snowprox S943	36,7	30,6	67,3
27 Maxxis Arcticrekker WP-05	39,4	28,3	67,7
28 Goodride SW608	37,5	31,3	68,8
29 Aotell Ecosnow	38,9	30,6	69,5
30 Westlake Snowmaster SW608	39,0	30,6	69,6

Disqualified due to too long wet braking distances

31 Imperial Snowdragon HP	39,8		
32 Lassa Snowways 3	40,0		
33 Tomket Snowroad 3	40,2		
34 Dayton DW 510Evo	40,3		
35 Kenda Wintergen 2	40,9		
36 Fortuna Winter	41,6		
37 Minerva Frostrack HP	41,7		
38 Tristar Snowpower HP	42,0		
39 King-Meiler Winter Tact WT 81	42,5		
40 Nankang NK Snow SV-2	42,5		
41 Star Performer SPTS Winter AS	42,5		
42 Compasal Iceblazer II	43,1		
43 Laufenn I FIT	43,2		
44 Meteor Winter	43,3		
45 Syron Everest 1 plus	43,7		
46 Taurus G01 Winter	43,7		
47 Momo W1 North Pole	44,0		
48 Chengshan Montice CSC-901	45,5		
49 Z-Tyre Z8 Winter	45,5		
50 Maxtrek Trek M7	46,7		
51 Antares Grip20	49,8		

And this is how the alternatives brake

31 All-season tyres	34,9	29,5	64,4
50 Summer tyres	35,9	43,2	79,1

In the super winter tyre test with over 50 candidates every tyre gets an equal chance. In order to qualify for the actual main part of the test, participants must first pass a brake test on a wet track. There, the first 21 candidates failed. Then the snow-covered track was up. Another ten candidates were eliminated. Only the 20 tyres with the shortest total braking distances went on. Tyres without sufficient safety reserves were rejected from the very beginning.

TESTING ON SNOW

➔ TRACTION



Winter specialists from Nokian and Goodyear literally grab the snow. But even the candidates at the bottom of the table will not leave you high and dry at start-off.

Nokian	2930
Goodyear	2925
Kleber	2888
Hankook	2878
Dunlop	2876
Fulda	2876
Pirelli	2874
Barum	2870
Uniroyal	2860
Firestone	2853
Gislaved	2832
Semperit	2830
Debica	2818
Vredestein	2800
Continental	2795
Falken	2762
Matador	2761
Yokohama	2722
Bridgestone	2713
Michelin	2711
All-season tyres	2660
Summer tyres	733

Average traction in Newton

➔ BRAKING



In case of danger, the „super grippers“ by Goodyear and Kleber are the first to come to standstill. Yokohama and Bridgestone, on the other hand, brake at the level of all-season tyres.

Goodyear	27,0
Kleber	27,1
Pirelli	27,4
Semperit	27,4
Continental	27,6
Fulda	27,6
Nokian	27,6
Hankook	27,7
Barum	27,8
Firestone	27,8
Uniroyal	27,9
Vredestein	27,9
Falken	28,0
Debica	28,1
Dunlop	28,1
Gislaved	28,1
Michelin	28,4
Matador	28,6
All-season tyres	29,5
Yokohama	29,5
Bridgestone	29,8
Summer tyres	43,2

Braking distance in meters at 50 km/h

➔ HANDLING/SLALOM

The cornering forces are determined with precision during the slalom test. Good cornering grip ensures comfortable steering behaviour and a sense of security when driving.

Goodyear	52,8
Nokian	52,7
Pirelli	52,6
Kleber	52,3
Hankook	52,2
Barum	52,0
Semperit	52,0
Continental	51,9
Firestone	51,8
Uniroyal	51,8
Vredestein	51,7
Fulda	51,6
Dunlop	51,5
Matador	51,5
Gislaved	51,4
Falken	51,1
Debica	51,0
Michelin	50,6
Yokohama	50,4
Bridgestone	50,2
All-season tyres	50,1
Summer tyres	27,6
Nokian	3,62
Pirelli	3,61
Semperit	3,59
Goodyear	3,55
Hankook	3,55
Continental	3,54
Firestone	3,54
Kleber	3,54
Uniroyal	3,54
Barum	3,53
Vredestein	3,48
Falken	3,47
Gislaved	3,47
Matador	3,44
Dunlop	3,42
Debica	3,39
Fulda	3,38
Yokohama	3,35
Michelin	3,31
All-season tyres	3,13
Bridgestone	3,06
Summer tyres	1,46

Lateral acceleration in m/s²

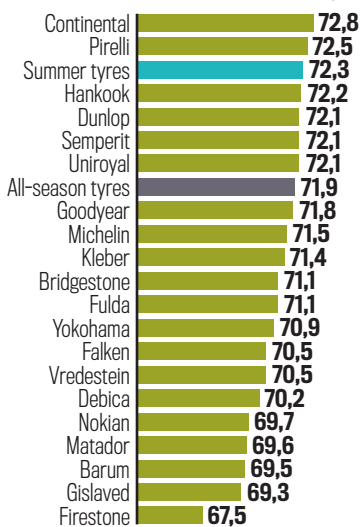
On snow and ice, all candidates leave a more or less certain impression, but it can be critical on a wet track

* from 50 km/h in metres; ** from 80 km/h in metres

THE WET BRAKING TESTS

HANDLING/ CIRCULAR PATH

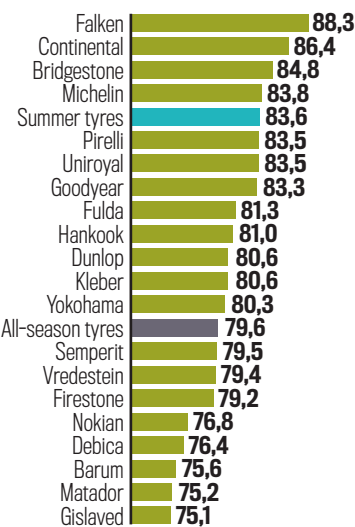
The winter specialists from Continental and Pirelli will impress you with good directional control and precise steering behaviour. However, Firestones Winterhawk 3 offers little security.



Average speed in km/h

AQUAPLANING

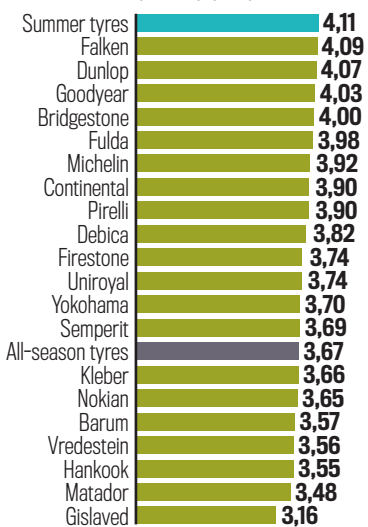
If there is a lot of water on the track (9 mm in this case), the tyre loses contact with the road surface at the given speed. The Falken offers the best reserves.



Floating speed in km/h

AQUAPLANING ON BENDS

Even when turning, there is a risk of aquaplaning with high water levels (5 mm in this case). The Euro Frost 6 by Gislaved, however, is poorly prepared.

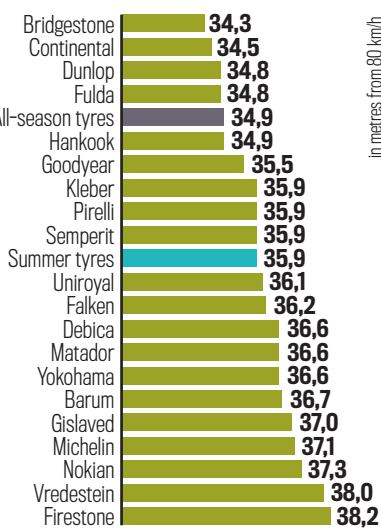


Lateral acceleration in m/s²

BRAKING



On slippery surfaces, many winter tyres are superior to summer tyres when braking. The best braking comes from Bridgestone and Conti.



In metres from 80 km/h

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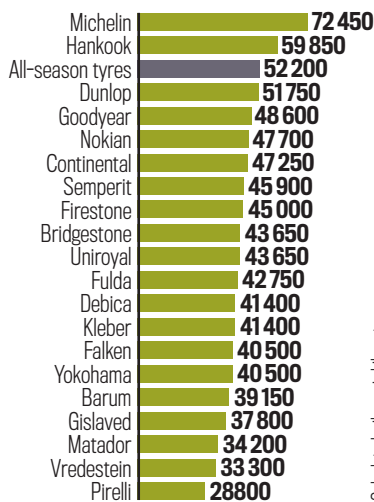
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On a wet track, modern winter tyres grip no worse than a summer tyre

THE COSTS CATEGORY

MILEAGE

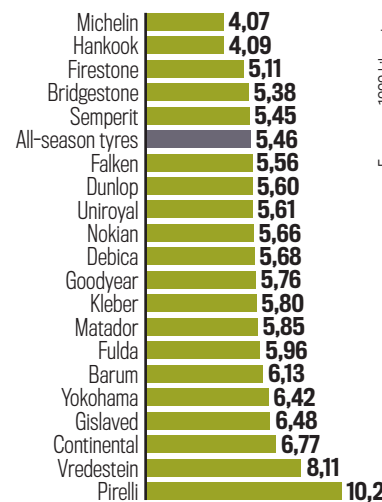
Michelin is the undisputed leader in the wear test. Pirelli's Cinturato Winter does not even pack half the mileage.



Calculated mileage in kilometres

PRICE PER 1000 KM MILEAGE

Thanks to its high mileage, the expensive Michelin is ahead in terms of cost-effectiveness. Hankook also stands out in the price/performance test.

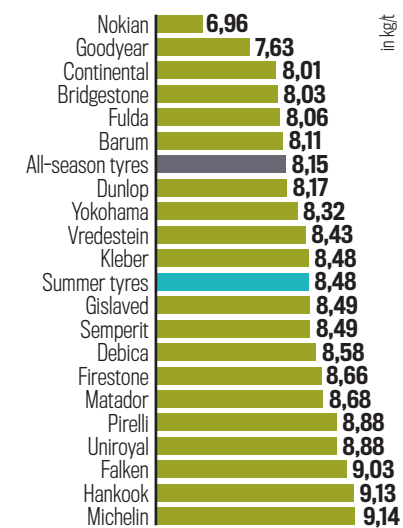


Euros per 1000 kilometres

ROLLING RESISTANCE

The best fuel-saving tyre is Nokian WR D4. With unusually high values, the Michelin lands at the bottom end of the scale.

Low rolling resistance of the tyre reduces fuel consumption by up to five percent



in kg/t

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DRY TRACK TESTS

HANDLING



Strong understeering and "woolly" steering - the top snow tyres have a problem on dry surfaces with their soft rubber compounds and the soft tread structure. On the other hand, Hankook's winter i'cept RS2 steers with significantly greater precision, making cornering safe even in winter.

Tyre Brand	Average speed (in km/h)
Summer tyres	109,9
All-season tyres	107,7
Hankook	107,6
Gislaved	106,6
Vredestein	106,5
Yokohama	106,5
Dunlop	106,4
Falken	106,4
Michelin	106,4
Goodyear	106,3
Barum	106,2
Fulda	106,2
Kleber	106,1
Continental	106,0
Debica	106,0
Nokian	105,7
Firestone	105,6
Matador	105,6
Pirelli	105,2
Bridgestone	105,1
Uniroyal	105,1
Semperit	104,8

Average speed (in km/h)

On dry road surfaces, winter tyres provide important safety reserves

PASS-BY NOISE

Most winter tyres now roll quieter on our roads than summer tyres. The noise-reducing tyres come from Bridgestone and Kleber.



Tyre Brand	At 50 and 80 km/h (in dB(A))
Bridgestone	64,8
Kleber	64,8
Pirelli	65,6
Semperit	65,6
All-season tyres	65,7
Fulda	65,6
Matador	66,2
Falken	66,3
Nokian	66,4
Yokohama	66,5
Dunlop	66,4
Continental	66,3
Debica	66,0
Gislaved	67,4
Goodyear	67,4
Firestone	67,3
Summer tyres	67,8
Hankook	67,8
Barum	68,2
Vredestein	67,7
Michelin	68,2
Uniroyal	68,4

At 50 and 80 km/h (in dB(A))

BRAKING



Short braking distances on dry tracks are not possible with treads designed for snow.

Tyre Brand	Braking distance in meters at 100 km/h
Summer tyres	39,5
All-season tyres	42,2
Yokohama	43,8
Nokian	44,5
Vredestein	44,8
Debica	44,9
Kleber	45,0
Falken	45,3
Michelin	45,5
Continental	45,6
Dunlop	45,6
Fulda	45,6
Pirelli	45,7
Hankook	45,8
Matador	46,2
Bridgestone	46,3
Goodyear	46,3
Firestone	46,6
Barum	47,1
Gislaved	47,1
Semperit	47,1
Uniroyal	47,2

Braking distance in meters at 100 km/h

It also gets real: not all winter tyres offer driving pleasure on the track

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TYRES OF THE DIMENSION 195/65 R 15											
	Weighting in %	91 H Price about 290 euros/set EU Label** C/B/69 dB	91 H Price about 320 euros/set EU Label** C/B/72 dB	91 H Price about 240 euros/set EU Label** E/B/69 dB	91 H Price about 255 euros/set EU Label** B/C/71 dB	91 H Price about 245 euros/set EU Label** E/C/72 dB	91 H Price about 280 euros/set EU Label** C/C/69 dB	91 H Price about 235 euros/set EU Label** C/B/71 dB	91 H Price about 225 euros/set EU Label** C/B/70 dB	91 H Price about 270 euros/set EU Label** C/B/69 dB	91 H Price about 245 euros/set EU Label** E/C/71 dB
Snow	Traction	30	1-	2	1	1-	1+	2	2-	1+	2+
	Braking*	30	2	1-	1	1-	2+	1	2	1-	2+
	Handling*	30	2	2+	1-	2	1	2-	2-	1	2
	Slalom	10	2-	2+	2+	2-	2+	2-	2	1	2+
Category score			2+	2+	1	2+	1	2	2-	1	2+
Wet	Aquaplaning*	20	2	1-	2	2	2+	3+	1	3+	2+
	Turn Aquaplaning	10	1	2+	2-	1-	3+	1-	2	2-	2
	Handling*	30	2	2+	2-	2-	2	3+	3+	3	2
	Circular Path	10	1-	2+	2	2	2+	2-	3+	3+	2
Dry	Braking*	30	1-	1-	2+	1-	2+	2	2+	2-	2+
	Category score		2+	1-	2	2+	2+	2-	2	3+	2+
	Handling*	35	2	2-	2-	2-	2+	2	2	3+	3+
	Braking*	35	2-	2-	2	2-	3+	2	2-	2	3
Costs	Ride comfort	15	2+	1	2-	2-	2	2-	2+	2-	2+
	Pass-By Noise	15	2+	2+	1-	2+	2	2	2+	2+	2-
	Category score		2	2	2	2-	2	2-	2	2-	3+
	Mileage	50	1-	2	2-	2-	1	2+	2-	2-	2-
Rating	Price/Mileage	30	2+	2-	2+	2	1	2+	2+	2+	2+
	Rolling resistance	20	2+	2+	2	2+	3+	1-	2	1+	2-
	Category score		1-	2	2	2	1-	2+	2	2+	2
	Rating		exemplary	exemplary	exemplary	exemplary	good	good	good	good	satisfactory
Ranking		1st place	2nd place	2nd place	4th place	5th place	6th place	7th place	8th place	9th place	10th place
Fast travel passed		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



* safety-related Test
** classification as per EU mandatory tyre labelling for rolling resistance/wet grip/pass-by noise



Strengths: Exemplary and impeccable premium tyre, stable handling qualities in all weather conditions, precise steering response with good feedback, best cost-effectiveness

Strengths: Satisfying all-round talent with good winter behaviour, high steering precision and dynamic handling on snowy and wet tracks, good comfort, low rolling resistance

Strengths: Low-priced winter profile with the best driving qualities on compacted snow, short braking distances in all weathers, quiet rolling noise, good value for money

Strengths: Winter specialist with well-balanced performance potential, short braking distances on snowy and wet tracks, high aquaplaning safety, quiet rolling noise, fuel-efficient rolling resistance

Strengths: Premium tires with excellent handling qualities in all weather conditions, high mileage, good value for money

Weaknesses: Slightly increased rolling resistance, moderate aquaplaning on bends

Strengths: Top driving qualities with good steering precision on snowy and wet tracks, safe aquaplaning properties, high mileage, low rolling resistance

Weaknesses: Extended dry braking distance

Strengths: Cost-efficient winter tyres with well-balanced driving characteristics on snowy and dry tracks, short braking distances in all weather conditions

Weaknesses: Moderate cornering on wet track

Strengths: Well-balanced winter tyres with safe handling qualities on snowy and dry track, best safety reserves in aquaplaning, low price

Weaknesses: Only moderate cornering on wet road surface

Strengths: The winter king with the best mileage on snow and ice, good value for money, by far the lowest rolling resistance

Weaknesses: Moderate qualities in wet conditions, low aquaplaning safety

Strengths: Top performance on snowy and wet track, good safety reserves in aquaplaning, pleasant feel of comfort, low price

Weaknesses: Extended dry braking distances, moderate dry handling

Strengths: Winter profile with extremely high longevity, well-balanced driving qualities on wet and dry track, pleasant ride comfort

Weaknesses: Limited snow qualities, high rolling resistance

Strengths: Brand tyres with very good cornering and short braking distances on snowy and wet track, quiet rolling noise

Weaknesses: Extended dry braking distances, moderate dry handling

Strengths: Dynamic sporty handling on snowy and wet tracks, good steering precision, good aquaplaning safety

Weaknesses: Limited mileage, moderate dry handling

Strengths: Wet specialist with short braking distances and good aquaplaning properties, low rolling resistance, low price

Weaknesses: Limited cornering and extended braking distances on snow

Strengths: Dry specialist with short braking distances and harmonious handling, short dry braking distances, high ride comfort

Weaknesses: Only average grip level on snowy track

Strengths: High traction and dynamic handling on snow, short wet braking distances, low price

Weaknesses: Understeering wet handling, extended dry braking distances, limited mileage

Strengths: Well-balanced driving characteristics on snowy and dry tracks, low rolling resistance

Weaknesses: Limited grip level in wet conditions, moderate mileage, only satisfactory in cost-effectiveness

Strengths: Stable, secure snow handling, good comfort, low price

Weaknesses: Delayed steering response and moderate grip on wet and dry tracks, extended dry braking distances, limited mileage

Strengths: Low-priced winter tyres with good snow qualities

Weaknesses: Significantly reduced grip and delayed steering response on wet track, extended wet and dry braking distances, moderate comfort

Strengths: Well-balanced winter behaviour, pleasant comfort

Weaknesses: Reduced cornering and delayed steering response in wet conditions, limited aquaplaning qualities, extended dry braking distances

WE'VE ASSESSED IT

The evaluation is based on grades from 1 = "very good" to 6 = "insufficient". The test is divided into the four categories: Snow, wet, dry and costs. The percentages behind the individual disciplines correspond to the weighting in

the category score. The snow and wet tests related to the winter season are evaluated with a weighting of 30% each, while the scores for the dry road surface and cost categories are worth 20% each. Single scores of 3 and over in the safe-

ty-related exercises do not qualify for "exemplary" any more. Category and single scores of 3 and over lead to downgrading. In case of a tie, the manufacturers are sorted in alphabetical order.

The scores are calculated according to the following scale:

Score	1+	1	1-	2+	2	2-	3+	3	3-	4+	4	4-	5+	5	5-	6
Points	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

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3+	2	1-	3+	3+	1-	2	2-	2+	2
2-	1-	1-	3+	3+	2+	2+	2-	2+	2
3+	2+	1	3	3+	2+	2	2	2	2
3+	1	1	3-	3+	2+	2	2-	2+	2
3+	2+	1-	3+	3+	2	2	2-	2+	2
2+	2-	2+	1-	2	3	2-	3	2-	3
2+	2-	2+	1-	2-	3+	3+	3	2	4+
2-	2	2+	2-	2-	3	3+	3	4	3
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2-	2+	2+	1-	2	2	3+	2	3+	2-
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2	3	3+	3+	2	2	2	3+	3+	2
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2+	2	2+	2	1-	3+	2-	2+	3+	2
2-	1-	1-	1-	2+	2-	2-	2+	2	2
2	3+	2-	2-	2+	2-	2	2-	3+	2-
1+	2	3-	2-	2-	3+	3	3	2	3+
1	2+	4-	2+	2-	2	3	2+	1-	2-
3+	2	2-	2+	2	2+	2	2	2	2
1	2	3-	2	2-	2-	3+	2-	2+	2-
satisfactory	satisfactory	satisfactory	satisfactory	satisfactory	satisfactory	satisfactory	satisfactory	recommended w/ reservations	recommended w/ reservations
11th place	12th place	12th place	14th place	15th place	16th place	17th place	18th place	19th place	20th place
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Strengths: Winter profile with extremely high longevity, well-balanced driving qualities on wet and dry track, pleasant ride comfort

Weaknesses: Limited snow qualities, high rolling resistance

Strengths: Brand tyres with very good cornering and short braking distances on snowy and wet track, quiet rolling noise

Weaknesses: Extended dry braking distances, moderate dry handling

Strengths: Dynamic sporty handling on snowy and wet tracks, good steering precision, good aquaplaning safety

Weaknesses: Limited mileage, moderate dry handling

Strengths: Wet specialist with short braking distances and good aquaplaning properties, low rolling resistance, low price

Weaknesses: Limited cornering and extended braking distances on snow

Strengths: Dry specialist with short braking distances and harmonious handling, short dry braking distances, high ride comfort

Weaknesses: Only average grip level on snowy track

Strengths: High traction and dynamic handling on snow, short wet braking distances, low price

Weaknesses: Understeering wet handling, extended dry braking distances, limited mileage

Strengths: Well-balanced driving characteristics on snowy and dry tracks, low rolling resistance

Weaknesses: Limited grip level in wet conditions, moderate mileage, only satisfactory in cost-effectiveness

Strengths: Stable, secure snow handling, good comfort, low price

Weaknesses: Delayed steering response and moderate grip on wet and dry tracks, extended dry braking distances, limited mileage

Strengths: Low-priced winter tyres with good snow qualities

Weaknesses: Significantly reduced grip and delayed steering response on wet track, extended wet and dry braking distances, moderate comfort

Strengths: Well-balanced winter behaviour, pleasant comfort

Weaknesses: Reduced cornering and delayed steering response in wet conditions, limited aquaplaning qualities, extended dry braking distances

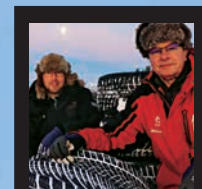


WE'VE TESTED IT

We buy the tyres on the free market. All candidates must undergo a safety check in a qualification round (see page 61). Only the 20 tyres with the shortest braking distances on snowy and wet tracks will continue into the main round. There they have to prove their skills in 13 more individual disciplines. We carry out a wear test, to evaluate costs and cost-efficiency. For this purpose we use a test bench from the tyre industry; the test is carried out according to our specifications and guidelines.



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All cheap tires and no-names have already been eliminated during our safety check in the preliminary round. The cost-effective candidates of the secondary brands Kleber and Fulda, on the other hand, are low-priced and beyond reproach. Together with the premium tires from Dunlop and Continental, they get our "exemplary" seal of quality.