

APPENDIX 6 - Regulations on Winter Equipment



From November 15th, according to the Road Traffic Act (ZPrCP) (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 109/2010, 57/2012, 63/2013) and the Regulation on Vehicle Equipment and Parts (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 44/13, 36/14, 69/15, and 44/17), the use of winter equipment is mandatory for all motor vehicles until March 15th. Winter equipment is also compulsory outside of this period if winter conditions are on the road. Studs are not allowed as per the National laws.

Winter equipment includes the use of winter tires. Although winter tires are not mandatory under certain conditions, they are recommended to be installed on vehicles during the mandatory winter equipment period and in winter conditions on the road, as they provide safer and more reliable driving. Any type of studs are not allowed in R Slovenia.

Regulations on winter equipment:

According to the Road Traffic Act, motor vehicles on Slovenian roads must be equipped with prescribed winter equipment during the winter period (from November 15th to March 15th of the following year) and in winter conditions, when snow adheres to the road surface or when the road is covered in snow, ice, or frost.

Winter equipment for motor vehicles:

1) For two-wheeled motor vehicles with a maximum permissible weight not exceeding 3,500 kg and for trailers towed by such vehicles:

- Winter tires on all wheels or
- Summer tires with appropriately sized snow chains for the driving wheels or equivalent devices.



2) The main grooves of the tire tread, considered for winter equipment, must be at least 3 mm deep. Winter tires with main grooves less than 3 mm deep are considered summer tires.

3) Winter tires are those tires that have the manufacturer's marking "M+S", "M.S.", or "M&S" on the sidewall.

Penalties for non-compliance with regulations:

- A fine of 40 euros is imposed on drivers who do not have the prescribed winter equipment on their motor or trailer vehicles during the winter period or in winter conditions or who act contrary to the meaning of a traffic sign indicating the mandatory use of snow chains.
- A fine of 200 euros is imposed on drivers who do not clean their motor or trailer vehicles by the provisions of the second paragraph of this article.
- A fine of 300 euros is imposed on drivers who do not comply with the traffic signage indicating winter conditions, which restrict or prohibit traffic on a specific section of the road.
- A fine of 500 euros is imposed on drivers who act contrary to the third or fifth paragraph of this article during the winter period or in winter conditions and, as a result, obstruct or prevent the movement of other vehicles. The driver is also given five penalty points.
- A fine of 1,000 euros is imposed on legal entities, sole traders, or individuals who independently carry out activities whose drivers act contrary to the provisions of this article's first, third, or fifth paragraph during the winter period or in winter conditions. The person responsible for such entities is fined 120 euros. The responsible person of a state authority or local self-government community is also fined 120 euros if their driver acts contrary to the provisions of this article's first, third, or fifth paragraph during the winter period or in winter conditions.