

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

How to stay safe and handle Swiss streets in the snow

Markus Häfeli, the owner of leading car dealership Autociel: Car Services for Expats, knows that winter driving is often new to many expats. Here are his winter tips.



4 wheel drive: In winter conditions 4WD cars offer a far better driving experience than 2WD, but remember 4WD doesn't make you invincible! Interestingly, when driving downhill, a 4WD has no advantage over a 2WD.

Winter tyres: In October every car-owner in Switzerland visits a tyre garage to exchange their lighter summer tyres for winter tyres. They grip better and perform better at lower temperatures. THIS IS A MUST from a safety point of view. Also, many insurance companies will refuse to settle for winter accidents involving vehicles with summer tyres.

Tread carefully: Have the tyre shop check your treads, not just to make sure they are still legal but that they can handle snow and ice

All systems go: Ask a mechanic to check your vital systems - wiper blades, fluids, batteries, defrosting and heating systems.

Check road conditions: www.ch.ch/en/traffic-and-travel-news is an excellent resource for English speakers.

Snow chains: Know how to use chains, and make sure yours fit and are on board.

Pack the right kit! Jumper cables, shovel, ice scraper, warm winter clothes, blankets, flashlight.

Autociel wishes you safe driving this winter!

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Autociel's recommended partner for winter tyres is **Pneu Egger**. With branches all over Switzerland, it's the nation's premier tyre dealership.

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www.pneu-egger.ch -> Filiales

Name:

Vehicle Type:

- Purchase of tyres – Bezug von Reifen – Achat de pneus
- Purchase of complete winter wheels (rims and tyres) – Bezug eines Kompletttrades – Achat de roues complètes
- Dimensions (example: 235/65R17 108H): _____
- Change of tyres – Reifenwechsel – Changement de pneus
- Change of wheels – Radwechsel – Changement de roues complètes
- Storage – Einlagerung – Gardiennage
- Clean your car – Fahrzeug Reinigung – Nettoyage de la voiture
- Service your car – Autoservice – Service
- Snow chain – Schneeketten – Chaînes à neige