

Winter Tyres Mandatory in France in 2021: TPMS Required

PARIS, FRANCE (November 3, 2020) - Last year, ATEQ highlighted that winter tyres designed for harsh winter conditions would be made mandatory in certain regions of France. The related Decree has been published in the Official Journal - winter tyres will be officially compulsory from November 1, 2021 in 48 of France's 96 mainland departments. The objective of the Ministry of Transport being to improve safety and traffic conditions during winter periods.

From next autumn, the departmental prefectures concerned and located in the six French mountain range will have to determine by decree how and where this new law will be applied in their respective territories. The law will establish an obligation period extending from November 1 until March 31 each year. France will therefore join some of its European counterparts who have already been using winter tyres for some time.

TPMS System Required

By this decree, the light vehicles of road users and professionals will therefore be impacted. Drivers will have to anticipate the application of this new law by requiring to obtain a second set of tyres or a full set of wheels from 2021. If the vehicle is fitted with a direct TPMS system, this second set will also need to be equipped with TPMS sensors compatible with the vehicle. Why? Because TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitoring System) is mandatory on all light vehicles sold in Europe since November 1, 2014. This system must be functional at all times, including in winter.

Automotive professionals: ready to manage TPMS maintenance in 2021?

Professionals in the automotive industry will also have to anticipate a potentially growing demand for the fitting of TPMS sensors and expect more exchanges with their customers for next year. TPMS maintenance should go as smoothly as possible, but this is not always the case. ATEQ TPMS is a resource to help and assist automotive professionals with any TPMS related questions, in the context of personalized support, TPMS training or specific TPMS need. ATEQ TPMS Tools is here to assist all automotive professionals navigate the new winter tyre laws in France.

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