

CHAPTER 315

AN ACT to amend 347.45 (2) (c) of the statutes, relating to the use of studded tires.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

347.45 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

347.45 (2) (c) A pneumatic tire may have embedded in it wire ~~not to exceed .075 inches in diameter if~~ or other material for improving traction on ice and snow, but such tire shall be so constructed that ~~under no conditions shall~~ the per cent of metal wire or other material in contact with the highway roadway does not exceed, after the first 1,000 miles of use or operation, 5% of the total tire area in contact with the roadway, ~~except that~~. During the first 1,000 miles of use or operation of any such tire the metal wire or other material in contact with the highway roadway shall not exceed 20% of the total tire area in contact with the roadway. Tires equipped with tungsten carbide studs shall be limited in usage and design as follows:

1. The department shall, by rule, designate the times of year during which any type of tire described in this paragraph may be used.

2. Such tires shall be used only on automobiles and trucks weighing not more than 6,000 pounds.

3. Such studs shall not project more than one-eighth inch beyond the tread surface of the tire.

4. The department may authorize experimental usage of tires and vehicles other than those specifically authorized in this section, to aid the legislature in making further determination as to greater usage.

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