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Comments:

I recently replaced the front tires on my 1994 Toyota Supra with Cooper Zeon 2XS tires. The front tires replaced were Yokohama AVS ES100. The rear tires are current Yokohama AVS ES100. The first time I drove the car with this combination of tires on wet pavement, I lost control of the car, on a highway during rush hour. I was driving carefully. I was making a lane change, carefully, without accelerating. I believe the car in back of me may have tapped my bumper, but now I am not so sure. I was found at fault in the accident, but by a miracle, there were no injuries in the accident. My car is now repaired, re-aligned, etc. I am carefully re-evaluating the stability of the car in general, but especially on wet pavement. I had a couple of near spinouts when accelerating very slowly on wet pavement. The car is extremely unstable on wet pavement. Toyota Supras (Turbo) of the 1994 vintage are magnificent sports car, with outstanding handling. Before I put the Cooper Zeon 2XS tires on the front (when I had Yokohama AVS ES100 all around), I had good handling on wet pavement.

The problem is either that the Cooper tires are extremely dangerous on wet pavement in general, or it is that the combination of the coopers on the front and the Yokos on the back is extremely unstable. I have to resolve it one way or the other. And I am beginning to believe that the traffic accident was in no way whatsoever my fault. Not the cars fault either - it was something to do with the tires.

What should I do? I'd be glad to hand the car over for investigation for a few weeks. Or have you had other complaints on the Cooper Zeon 2XS tires?

Maybe I should consider switching all 4 tires over to a different type of tire, something that has less performance but more safety? Is there such a thing?
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