



PRODUCT INFORMATION BULLETIN

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2014-2016 BMW i3 20" REAR TIRE REPLACEMENT

This bulletin applies to BMW i3 equipped with optional 20 inch wheel package. Model year 2014 thru 2016 i3 was specified with 175/55R20 **85Q** Bridgestone Ecopia EP500. BMW specifies the 2017 model year i3 with 175/55R20 **89Q XL** Bridgestone Ecopia EP500.

In an effort to simplify tire replacement, the BMW approved 175/55R20 89Q XL rear tire (material number 004843) is an acceptable replacement on 2014-2016 model cars equipped with the 20 inch wheel option under the guidelines listed below.

Bridgestone Material Number	Tire Line	Tire Size	Service Description	Load Range	Suitable Application
001629	ECOPIA EP500	175/55R20	85Q	SL	BMW i3 (MY '14-'16)
004843	ECOPIA EP500	175/55R20	89Q	XL (Reinf.)	BMW i3 (MY '14-'17+)

Production of material number 001629 will continue in order to supply the replacement needs for the 2014-2016 models thru mid 2019, after which it may be discontinued. Because supply may be limited for material 001629, Bridgestone is advising the following strategy for rear tire replacement on 2014-2016 BMW i3 which have standard load tires currently installed:

Two tire replacement – Use material 004843 (XL/Reinf.)

Single tire replacement* – Use material 001629 (SL)

*Bridgestone will reserve limited quantities of material 001629 175/55R20 85Q for use in the event of single tire road hazard or warranty claim replacements.

Always follow the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations for tire replacement. Applying new tires in pairs on an axle or to all wheel positions helps to optimize vehicle performance and avoid malfunction of mechanical or electronic vehicle systems (i.e. drive-train/transmission, anti-lock brakes, traction control, etc.)

Follow vehicle tire information placard or vehicle owner's manual recommendations for tire inflation pressure.