

## **Technical Information**

911 (991)

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#### Approved Wheels and Tires (31/18)

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Model Year: As of 2017

Vehicle Type: 911 Carrera (991)/911 Targa (991)/911 Turbo (991)

Concern: Approval status: November 2018

Sizes: Permissible tire and wheel sizes

(RO = rim offset in mm, FA = front axle, RA = rear axle)

Tires	Tire sizes	Wheel sizes	Snow chains
911 Carr	era		
	FA: 235/40 ZR 19 (92Y) RA: 295/35 ZR 19 (100Y)	FA: 8.5J x 19 H2, RO 50	No
Summer	- Not for vehicles with Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB)	2Y) 00Y) FA: 8.5J x 19 H2, R0 50 RA: 11.5J x 19 H2, R0 76  1Y) 03Y) XL FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, R0 49 RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, R0 76  7M+S OV M+S Prace Brake (PCCB) FA: 8.5J x 19 H2, R0 50 RA: 11J x 19 H2, R0 77  FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, R0 78  FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, R0 78	INO
Summer	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (91Y) RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL  FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (95Y) XL RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49	No
	, ,	RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 76	No
	FA: 235/40 R 19 92V M+S RA: 295/35 R 19 100V M+S	FA: 8.5J x 19 H2, RO 50	RA only
Winter	- Not for vehicles with Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB)	RA: 11J x 19 H2, RO 77	
	FA: 245/35 R 20 91V M+S RA: 295/30 R 20 97V M+S	•	RA only
911 Carr	era S, 911 Carrera T		
Summer	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (91Y) RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49	No
Summer	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (95Y) XL RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 76	No

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Tires	Tire sizes	Wheel sizes	Snow chains
	FA: 235/40 R 19 92V M+S RA: 295/35 R 19 100V M+S		
Winter	- Not for vehicles with Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB)	FA: 8.5J x 19 H2, RO 50 RA: 11J x 19 H2, RO 77	RA only
wiiitei	- Not for vehicles with rear axle steering		
	FA: 245/35 R 20 91V M+S RA: 295/30 R 20 97V M+S	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 78	RA only
911 Carr	era 4, 911 Targa 4		
Summor	FA: 235/40 ZR 19 (92Y) RA: 295/35 ZR 19 (100Y)	FA: 8.5J x 19 H2, RO 50	No
	- Not for vehicles with Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB)	RA: 11.5J x 19 H2, RO 56	140
Summer	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (91Y) RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49	No
	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (91Y)	RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56	No
	FA: 235/40 R 19 92V M+S RA: 295/35 R 19 100V M+S	FA: 8.5J x 19 H2, RO 50	RA only
Winter	- Not for vehicles with Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB)	RA: 11J x 19 H2, RO 56	KA OHIY
	FA: 245/35 R 20 91V M+S RA: 295/30 R 20 97V M+S	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 56	RA only
911 Carr	era 4S, 911 Targa 4S		
Summer	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (91Y) RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49	No
Summer	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (95Y) XL RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56	No

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Tires	Tire sizes	Wheel sizes	Snow chains
	FA: 235/40 R 19 92V M+S RA: 295/35 R 19 100V M+S		
911 Carro Summer Winter  911 Turbo	- Not for vehicles with Porsche Ceramic Composite Brake (PCCB)	FA: 8.5J x 19 H2, RO 50 RA: 11J x 19 H2, RO 56	RA only
William	- Not for vehicles with rear axle steering		
	FA: 245/35 R 20 91V M+S RA: 295/30 R 20 97V M+S	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 56	RA only
911 Carr	era GTS, 911 Carrera 4 GTS, 911	Targa 4 GTS	
Summor	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (91Y) RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49	No
Summer	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (95Y) XL RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	RA: 12J x 20 H2, RO 56	No
Winter		FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 56	
	FA: 245/35 R 20 91V M+S	- Vehicles without central wheel lock	RA only
	RA: 295/30 R 20 97V M+S RA: 295/30 R 20 101V XL M+S	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 51 RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 59	
		- Vehicles with central wheel lock	
911 Turb	o, 911 Turbo S		_
Summor	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (91Y) RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	FA: 9J x 20 H2, RO 51	No
Summer	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (95Y) XL RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56	No
		FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 56	
		- Vehicles without central wheel lock	
Winter	FA: 245/35 R 20 91V M+S RA: 295/30 R 20 97V M+S	FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, R0 51 RA: 11J x 20 H2, R0 56	RA only
		- Vehicles without central wheel lock	
		FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, R0 51 RA: 11J x 20 H2, R0 59	
		- Vehicles with central wheel lock	

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#### Wheels: Overview of Porsche wheels for summer and winter tires

Identification on inside of wheel:

Wheel size, rim offset (RO) in mm, part number (without color code FFF) and Porsche logo

#### 19-inch "Carrera 6" wheel

FA: 8.5J x 19 H2, RO 50 Part No. 991.362.510.00\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 19 H2, RO 76 Part No. 991.362.560.00\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 19 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.560.01\_FFF

RA: 11J x 19 H2, RO 77 Part No. 991.362.560.02\_FFF

RA: 11J x 19 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.560.03\_FFF

#### 20-inch "Carrera S4" wheel

FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 Part No. 991.362.710.00\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 76 Part No. 991.362.760.00\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.760.01\_FFF

RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 78 Part No. 991.362.760.02\_FFF

RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.760.03\_FFF





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#### 20-inch "Carrera Classic II" wheel

FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 Part No. 991.362.711.02\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 76 Part No. 991.362.761.04\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.761.05\_FFF



#### 20-inch "RS Spyder Design" wheel

FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 Part No. 991.362.712.00\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 76 Part No. 991.362.760.04\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.760.05\_FFF



#### 20-inch "Turbo 4" wheel

FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 Part No. 991.362.711.00\_FFF

FA: 9J x 20 H2, RO 51 Part No. 991.362.720.00\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 76 Part No. 991.362.761.00\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.761.01\_FFF



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#### 20-inch "911 Turbo III" wheel

FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 51 Part No. 991.362.161.06 FFF

RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.166.09\_FFF



#### 20-inch "911 Sport Classic" wheel

FA: 9J x 20 H2, RO 51 Part No. 991.362.162.41\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.167.42\_FFF



#### 20-inch "911 Carrera Sport" wheel

FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 49 Part No. 991.362.722.00\_FFF/991.363.722.0 0\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 76 Part No. 991.362.772.00 \_FFF/991.363.772.00 \_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.772.01 \_FFF/991.363.772.01 \_FFF



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#### 20-inch "911 Turbo Sport 3" wheel

FA: 9J x 20 H2, RO 51 Part No. 991.362.721.00\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.771.00\_FFF



#### 20-inch "911 Turbo Sport II" wheel

FA: 8.5J x 20 H2, RO 51 Part No. 991.362.161.34\_FFF

RA: 11J x 20 H2, RO 59 Part No. 991.362.166.34\_FFF



#### 20-inch wheel "CFRP"

FA: 9J x 20 H2, RO 51 Part No. 991.362.723.01\_FFF

RA: 11.5J x 20 H2, RO 56 Part No. 991.362.773.01\_FFF





#### Information

Improper handling can damage the wheel surface.

Carry out tire removal and mounting using a bead holding-down device only.

Use a leather pad on the rim flange to support the valve insertion tool.

Only use the Porsche centering clamping set for balancing.

Do not use brushes to clean the wheels because brushes can cause deep scratches that cannot be removed by polishing.

Never use solvents or other chemical substances on tires.



#### Information

Only fit wheels with identical part numbers on one axle.

Wheel

Using wheel bolts:

Mounting:

Tightening torque 160 Nm (118 ftlb.)

Using central wheel lock:

Tightening torque 600 Nm (444 ftlb.)



#### Driving with different tires (mixed tires)

- Uncontrollable vehicle handling
- ⇒ Only use tires of the same make and type, with the same speed index and the same specification code (NO, N1, N2, ...) on a vehicle.

#### Summer Tires:

Model	Tire size	Tire make and type	
	FA: 235/40 ZR 19 (92Y)	Goodyear F1 Eagle Asymmetric 2 N0 (Inside/Outside)	
	RA: 295/35 ZR 19 (100Y)	Yokohama Advan Sport V105 N0 (Inside/Outside)	
911 Carrera, 911 Carrera 4,		Pirelli P Zero N1 (Inside/Outside)	
911 Targa 4	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (91Y) RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	Pirelli P Zero Corsa NO (Inside/Outside)	
		- Ultra High Performance tyres	
	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (95Y) XL RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	Michelin Pilot Sport 4S NO (Rotation)	

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Model	Tire size	Tire make and type	
911 Carrera S, 911 Carrera T,		Pirelli P Zero N1 (Inside/Outside)	
911 Carrera 4S, 911 Targa 4S, 911 Carrera GTS, 911 Carrera 4	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (91Y) RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	Pirelli P Zero Corsa NO (Inside/Outside) - Ultra High Performance tyres	
GTS, 911 Targa 4 GTS, 911 Turbo, 911 Turbo S	FA: 245/35 ZR 20 (95Y) XL RA: 305/30 ZR 20 (103Y) XL	Michelin Pilot Sport 4S NO (Rotation)	

#### Winter Tires:

Model	Tire size	Tire make and type	
911 Carrera, 911 Carrera 4,	FA: 235/40 R 19 92V M+S	Pirelli Winter 240 Sottozero Series II NO (Inside/Outside)	
911 Carrera 4S, 911 Targa 4S	RA: 295/35 R 19 100V M+S	Continental WinterContact TS 830P NO (Inside/Outside)	
911 Targa 4S	FA: 245/35 R 20 91V M+S	Pirelli Winter 240 Sottozero Series II NO (Inside/Outside)	
	RA: 295/30 R 20 97V M+S	Michelin Pilot Alpin PA4 N1 (Rotation)	
911 Carrera S, 911 Carrera T,	FA: 245/35 R 20 91V M+S RA: 295/30 R 20 97V M+S	Pirelli Winter 240 Sottozero Series II NO (Inside/Outside)	
911 Carrera GTS, 911 Carrera 4 GTS, 911 Targa 4 GTS, 911 Turbo, 911 Turbo S	FA: 245/35 R 20 91V M+S RA: 295/30 R 20 101V XL M+S	Michelin Pilot Alpin PA4 N1 (Inside/Outside)	

Arrow with inscription "Rotation"

= directional mounting

"Inside/Outside" inscription or "Left" or "Right"

= mounting on specified side only

Arrow with both inscriptions "Rotation" and

= directional mounting on specified side only.

"Inside/Outside"

= directional mounting on specified side only.

Arrow with both inscriptions "Rotation" and "Left"

or "Right"



#### Information

N... = Specification code of the tire, e.g. "N0", "N1", "N2" ... The complete "N..." code of the tires in question must be shown on the tire sidewall near the tire type designation.

Instructions for correct mounting of the tires are also given on the tire sidewall. If there are no mounting instructions on the tire sidewall, the tire must be mounted so that the DOT marking is visible from the outside.



#### Information

If a tire is damaged and it is not possible to determine with absolute certainty that there is no ply damage - with all of its consequences - or if the tire was thermally and/or mechanically overloaded due to a loss of pressure or other prior damage, replace the tire in question for safety reasons.

Repairs to "V", "W", "Y" and "ZR" tires are not permissable, as well as the use of inner tubes in tubeless tires. Please inform your customers accordingly. It is advisable to mount winter tires at temperatures below **45° F/7°C**, because the driving characteristics of summer tires are reduced at low temperatures. Extremely low temperatures can cause permanent damage to summer tires.



#### Incorrect tire pressure

- Uncontrollable vehicle handling
- ⇒ Adjust the tire pressure according to specifications. Never allow the pressure to fall below the minimum pressure.
- ⇒ Check age of tires. Replace tires that are more than 6 years old.
- ⇒ Perform visual inspections.
- ⇒ Use only tires recommended by Porsche.



#### Information

The tire pressure applies only to the tire makes and types approved by Porsche, and is specified for cold tires (approx. **68° F/20°C**). The tire pressures must never be lower than the specified values.

#### Standard tire pressure for summer tires

		911 C	arrera		991 Carrera S, 911 Carrera T			
Wheel size	Part load		Full load		Part load		Full load	
3120	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA

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19-inch wheels	2.1 bar 210 kPa 30 psi	2.5 bar 250 kPa 36 psi	2.4 bar 240 kPa 34 psi	3.0 bar 300 kPa 43 psi	ı	ı	ı	ı
20-inch wheels	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.6 bar 260 kPa 37 psi	2.4 bar 240 kPa 34 psi	3.1 bar 310 kPa 44 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.6 bar 260 kPa 37 psi	2.4 bar 240 kPa 34 psi	3.1 bar 310 kPa 44 psi

Wheel size	911	1 Carrera 4	1, 911 Targ	a 4	991 Carrera 4S, 911 Targa 4S			
	Part load		Full load		Part load		Full load	
	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA
19-inch wheels	2.1 bar 210 kPa 30 psi	2.6 bar 260 kPa 37 psi	2.4 bar 240 kPa 34 psi	3.0 bar 300 kPa 43 psi	ı	-	ı	-
20-inch wheels	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.7 bar 270 kPa 39 psi	2.4 bar 240 kPa 34 psi	3.1 bar 310 kPa 44 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.7 bar 270 kPa 39 psi	2.4 bar 240 kPa 34 psi	3.1 bar 310 kPa 44 psi

Wheel			S, 911 Car arga 4 GTS		911 Turbo, 911 Turbo S			
size			Part load		Full load			
	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA
20-inch wheels	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.7 bar 270 kPa 39 psi	2.4 bar 240 kPa 34 psi	3.1 bar 310 kPa 44 psi	2.4 bar 240 kPa 34 psi	3.0 bar 300 kPa 43 psi	2.6 bar 260 kPa 37 psi	3.3 bar 330 kPa 47 psi

### Standard tire pressure for winter tires

Wheel	Carre	era T, 911 (	1 Carrera S Carrera 4S 1 Targa 4S	, 911	911 Carrera GTS, 911 Carrera 4 GTS, 911 Targa 4 GTS			
size	Part load		Full load		Part load		Full load	
	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA
19-inch wheels	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.3 bar 230 kPa 33 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.6 bar 260 kPa 37 psi	-	-	ı	-
20-inch wheels	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.5 bar 250 kPa 36 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.9 bar 290 kPa 42 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.5 bar 250 kPa 36 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.9 bar 290 kPa 42 psi

	911 Turbo, 911 Turbo S					
Wheel size	Part	load	Full load			
	FA	RA	FA	RA		
20-inch wheels	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.5 bar 250 kPa 36 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	3.0 bar 300 kPa 43 psi		

Comfort tire pressure for summer tires up to 165 mph (270 km/h) – only for vehicles with Tire Pressure Monitoring (TPM) and "Comfort pressure" menu in the multi-function display (depending on the country)



Driving at high speed with low tire pressure

- Irreparable damage to tires
- ⇒ Set Comfort air pressure for tires only on vehicles with Tire Pressure Monitoring (TPM) and "Comfort" selected in the "Tire pressure" main menu in the multi-function display.

	911 Carrera				911 Carrera S, 911 Carrera T			
Wheel size	Part load		Full load		Part load		Full load	
3120	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA
19-inch wheels	2.0 bar 200 kPa 29 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.1 bar 210 kPa 30 psi	2.6 bar 260 kPa 37 psi	ı	ı	I	ı
20-inch wheels	2.0 bar 200 kPa 29 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.7 bar 270 kPa 39 psi	2.0 bar 200 kPa 29 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.7 bar 270 kPa 39 psi

Wheel	911 Carrera 4, 911 Targa 4				911 Carrera 4S, 911 Targa 4S, 911 Carrera GTS, 911 Carrera 4 GTS, 911 Targa 4 GTS			
size	Part load		Full load		Part load		Full load	
	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA	FA	RA
19-inch wheels	2.0 bar 200 kPa 29 psi	2.3 bar 230 kPa 33 psi	2.1 bar 210 kPa 30 psi	2.6 bar 260 kPa 37 psi	ı	I	I	-
20-inch wheels	2.0 bar 200 kPa 29 psi	2.3 bar 230 kPa 33 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.7 bar 270 kPa 39 psi	2.0 bar 200 kPa 29 psi	2.3 bar 230 kPa 33 psi	2.2 bar 220 kPa 31 psi	2.7 bar 270 kPa 39 psi

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	911 Turbo, 911 Turbo S					
Wheel size	Part	load	Full load			
	FA	RA	FA	RA		
	2.2 bar	2.5 bar	2.3 bar	2.8 bar		
20-inch wheels	220 kPa 31 psi	250 kPa 36 psi	230 kPa 33 psi	280 kPa 40 psi		



#### Incorrectly installed snow chains

- Uncontrollable vehicle handling
- Do not exceed the maximum speed of Speed 30 mph/50 km/h.
- Observe installation instructions from the chain manufacturer.

Porsche offers the following snow chains as accessories:

Tire size	Porsche Part No.	Type of snow chain	
295/35 R 19 M+S	991.044.600.00	Link tune chain, quick fit	
295/30 R 20 M+S	991.044.000.00	Link-type chain, quick fit	

Wheel Storage: Tires must be stored in a cool, dry and dark room with adequate ventilation. Tires must never come into contact with fuel, oil, grease or chemicals.

> Complete wheels can be stacked for storage; it is advisable to increase the tire pressure by approx. 0.4 bar (6 psi).

> If the tires are not mounted on wheels, it is best to store them in a vertical position. We recommend that you turn tires stored in this position every two weeks in order to prevent flat spots. Tires that are stacked in a horizontal position will become severely deformed and cannot be seated properly in the rim flange when they are mounted.

#### General Info:

Always use new valves when changing tires.

Always observe any possible instructions concerning the rolling direction and/or specifying which side the tires must be mounted on. Refer to notes on page 1 (if applicable).

Coat the tire beads and humps with mounting lubricant before mounting the tire. This ensures that the tire beads will slide over the humps easily. In order to prevent the tire from turning on the wheel, avoid extreme driving maneuvers (acceleration and braking) during the first 100 to 200 miles with new or recently mounted tires.

In order to optimize smoothness of rolling, it is appropriate - and necessary in individual cases - to mount the tire in a certain (favorable) position with respect to the wheel (matching).

Matching (uncontrolled and controlled) is explained below:

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Uncontrolled matching: Turning the tire on the wheel by 90° or 120° if necessary in order to achieve an acceptable value with regard to rolling smoothness (true running, imbalance and weight distribution of balance weights).

Controlled matching: With a balancing machine with matching program. In most cases, this produces an even better result with regard to the rolling smoothness (true running, imbalance and weight distribution of the balance weights) than can be achieved with uncontrolled matching. Maximum permissible radial runout and lateral runout of the wheels < 0.7 mm. Maximum permissible radial runout and lateral runout of the wheels with tires < 1.25 mm. Values < 1.50 mm - ideally approx. 0.5 mm - are desirable.

The mounting pressure (seating pressure) of 58 psi/4.0 bar overpressure must not be exceeded before both tire beads are evenly seated on the rim flange.

If new tires are to be mounted or the tires of one axle are to be replaced, tires of the same make, the same type and with the same specification code must always be used on each of the two axles. If tires are replaced on one axle only, the different tread depth from that on the other axle can cause a noticeable change in the familiar handling. This is especially the case if new tires are mounted on the rear axle. This effect decreases with increasing tire mileage.

When replacing a tire on an axle, make sure that the tread depth of the new tire does not differ from that of the other tire by more than 30 %.

If a tire is damaged and it cannot be determined with absolute certainty that there is no ply damage - with all of its consequences - or if the tire was thermally or mechanically overloaded due to a loss of pressure or other prior damage, we recommend replacement of the tire in question for safety reasons.

Repairs on "ZR" tires are not permissible, as is the use of inner tubes in tubeless tires. Tires age due to chemical and physical processes, which can impair their function. Tires that are stored unused for an extended period harden and become brittle faster than tires that are in continual use. Hairline aging cracks can occur on older tires. On tires in continual use, the kneading action activates the plasticizer in the rubber and thereby prevents hardening and cracking.

Therefore, attention should be paid not only to the tread depth but also to the age of the tire. Tires should not be older than 6 years. The age of the tire can be determined via the DOT code on the sidewall, which indicates the production date of the tire: e.g. DOT 2201 = 22nd week of 2001.

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