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Chapter 18. Tires

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Solid rubber tires

Sec. 1. A solid tire made of rubber on a vehicle must have rubber on the tire's entire traction surface at least one (1) inch thick above the edge of the flange of the entire periphery.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

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Metal tires

Sec. 2. A person may not operate or move on a highway a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer having a metal tire in contact with the roadway.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.

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Protuberances on tires

Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) through (e), a tire on a vehicle moved on a highway may not have on the tire's periphery a block, stud, flange, cleat, or spike or any other protuberance of any material other than rubber that projects beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire.

(b) Implements of agriculture may use tires having protuberances that will not injure the highway.

(c) Tire chains of reasonable proportions may be used upon a vehicle when required for safety because of snow, ice, or other conditions tending to cause a vehicle to skid.

(d) From October 1 to the following May 1, a vehicle may use tires in which have been inserted ice grips or tire studs, including retractable tire studs, that:

- (1) are of wear-resisting material;
- (2) are installed in a manner that provides resiliency upon contact with the road;
- (3) have projections that do not exceed three thirty-seconds (3/32) of an inch beyond the tread of the traction surface of the tire; and
- (4) are constructed to prevent any appreciable damage to the road surface.

(e) Notwithstanding subsection (d), a vehicle may be equipped year-round with tires that have retractable tire studs if the tire studs remain retracted from May 2 to September 30 of each year.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.210-2005, SEC.30; P.L.35-2008, SEC.2.

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Special permits

Sec. 4. The Indiana department of transportation and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may in their discretion issue special permits authorizing the operation upon a highway of:

- (1) traction engines;
- (2) tractors having movable tracks with transverse corrugations upon the periphery of movable tracks; or
- (3) farm tractors or implements of agriculture designed to be operated primarily in a farm field or on farm premises;

the operation of which upon a highway would otherwise be prohibited under this chapter.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7. Amended by P.L.210-2005, SEC.31.

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United States Department of Transportation regulations; classification of violations

Sec. 5. (a) This section does not apply to a person who owns or operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles that:

- (1) contains parts and accessories; and
- (2) is equipped;

as required under regulations of the United States Department of Transportation.

(b) A person who violates this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.2-1991, SEC.7.