

Use of studded tyres (dubbäck) in the UK

The levels of snow and ice experienced in the UK, with the possible exception of some areas of Scotland in midwinter, are very small compared to countries such as Sweden, where studded tyres are used in severe weather.

The use of studded tyres on normal roads not covered by snow and ice is likely to result in excessive road damage and create a danger due to their reduced performance on normal roads. We do not, therefore, see any benefits, on their use in UK.

All road vehicles must conform to the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (C&U). Regulation 27 (1)(h) of the C&U states that tyres should not be used on the road if "the tyre is not maintained in such a condition so as to be fit for the use for which the vehicle is being put or might in any way cause damage to the surface of the road or damage persons on or in the vehicle or to other persons using the road."