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Self Supporting Run Flat tires (SSR)

Replacement of Self Supporting Run Flat (SSR) tires with Standard Radial Ply Tires

A number of car manufactures are now fitting SSR tires as an original fit either as standard or as an option. The vehicle's suspension may have been adapted to suit the individual characteristics of SSR tires and it is therefore advisable to replace SSR tires on a like for like basis in order to retain the original ride and handling characteristics of the vehicle.

Should a customer nevertheless request to change from SSR to conventional radial tires the following information is important to note:

- There are no legal restrictions regarding the replacement of SSR tires with standard radial ply tires, as long as the load and speed capability of any replacement tire is at least equal to those of the original fitment tires. It is quite possible that the driver will notice a difference in the ride and handling performance of his vehicle due to the differences in tire construction.
- The customer's attention should also be drawn to the fact that conventional tires do not have run-flat capability and there may be no facility to carry a spare wheel. Therefore to maintain a level of mobility in the event of a puncture it is advisable to carry a "ContiComfortKit" or any mobility kit on board.
- It is also advisable to contact the vehicle manufacturer concerned to check if the fitting of standard tires will have effect on the electronic and mechanical system on the vehicle and in particular on the "Tire Pressure Monitoring System".

IMPORTANT: SSR tires should not be mixed with conventional tires on the vehicle.