

WINTER DRIVING



Winterize your Vehicle

The following sentence was inserted into our Traffic Ordinance:

“The equipment of vehicles must be adjusted to the weather condition. This includes adequate Tires (Winter Tires and antifreeze in the Windshield Wiper Tank.”

Winter Tires

The revised traffic law requires the following during inclement weather conditions:

Adequate tires for the road situation (snow, ice, etc.)!

Definition: All season tires might be adequate. However, it depends on where you have to drive and on the present or forecasted weather condition. If your vehicle is not equipped with winter tires, and the road gets covered with snow and ice, **you have to park your vehicle** and use public transportation. If you cause a traffic jam or an accident due to inadequate tires (summer tires) you are liable and will be fined.

Winter Tires

Our road condition system is a good indicator for when to park the vehicle.

Violators will be fined and your vehicle insurance will be in jeopardy.

Winter tires should be used from October to March. Summer tires are not considered adequate for the winter conditions in Germany. Only tires labeled with the M + S with the snowflake symbol * are legal tires for winter driving and must be mounted on all four points of the vehicle.

Road Conditions

Green

Amber

Red

Black

Road Conditions

The military road conditions (GREEN, AMBER, RED and BLACK) apply to military vehicles only! If the conditions are BLACK, no more military dispatched vehicles, including TMPs, will be allowed to move. The only exceptions are Emergency Services (fire trucks, MPs, etc.) and snow plows.

For all the rest of us, who are driving our privately owned vehicles (POVs), the military road conditions are a good indicator of the safety of roads on and off post. Soldiers and employees need to make a weather call to their supervisor, if they feel it is unsafe to drive, and get further instructions. Road conditions, published or unpublished, are not reason alone to miss work or official appointments. If the Garrison Commander determines that weather conditions deem it necessary to close the installation, it will be included in the road condition message.

Everyone should use common sense and make a call on safety's side, if they are not sure they can drive safely in inclement weather or if the forecast calls for worsening conditions – when in doubt, do not drive!

ROAD CONDITION STANDARDS

GREEN: Unrestricted vehicle dispatches are authorized.

Road condition, visibility, and temperature are ideal.

Drivers will observe normal precautions and speed limits.

Weather Forecast/Road Condition:

Katterbach DSN: 467-3882 Civ.: 09802-83-3882

Storck DSN: 467-4590 Civ.: 09841-83-4590

ROAD CONDITION STANDARDS

AMBER: Road condition, temperature, and visibility are not ideal.

Unit commanders (CPT and above), directors and primary staff (S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4) will authorize dispatches under amber conditions.

Increased driving times, hazardous road conditions, and driver experience will be considered in dispatching vehicles.

A risk assessment will be completed prior to dispatching a vehicle!

A sample is attached to the USAG Ansbach Inclement Road and Weather Conditions Standard Operating Procedures.

ROAD CONDITION STANDARDS

RED: Only emergency missions are authorized. The dispatch record for mission essential vehicles will be marked "mission and emergency-essential."

Battalion level commanders, including Garrison commanders, will authorize dispatch of mission essential vehicles. Director of DPW , DOL, and Principle Chief 's may approve mission-essential dispatches to provide emergency support for snow and ice removal.

A risk assessment will be completed prior to dispatching a vehicle!
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ROAD CONDITION STANDARDS

BLACK: Only emergency-essential vehicle dispatches are authorized. The dispatch record for emergency vehicles (police, fire, ambulance, and emergency engineer) will be marked "emergency-essential."

Chiefs of appropriate offices (provost marshal, fire, medical activity, and directorate of public works) and brigade level commanders, including Garrison commanders, and above will authorize dispatch of emergency vehicles.

Note: Drivers of military vehicles transitioning through USAG Installations, that have declared Black or Red road conditions, should consult their chain of command and re-evaluate the risk of continuing the mission.

Weather and road conditions will be part of all mission risk management decisions.

Risk Assessment for NTV's at Road condition (circle)			
Risikoanalyse fuer Dienstfahrzeuge bei Road Condition (einkreisen)	Amber	Red	Black
Name of Operator/Name des Fahrers: _____			
Departure/Fahrbeginn: Date/Datum _____, Time/Uhrzeit: _____			
Route/Fahrstrecke: From/Von _____, To/Nach _____			
Type of Vehicle/Fahrzeugtyp: _____			
Operator/Fahrer:			
At fault traffic accidents within the past 2 years/Eigenverschuldete	Yes/Ja		
Verkehrsunfaelle mit Dienstfahrzeugender innerhalb der letzten 2 Jahre?	No/Nein		
Licensed/Besitz der Fahrlaubniss	-Year/Jahr		
	-2 Years/Jahre		
	>2 Years/Jahre		
Winter driving Experience/Wintererfahrung	0 Winter		
	1 Winter		
	>2 Winter		
Driving experience with this similar vehicle/Gefahrenre Km mit diesem oder aehnl. Fahrzeug	-3000 Km		
	-10000 Km		
	>10000 Km		
Vehicle Information/Fahreug			
Type of Tires/Reifenart	Summer/Sommer		
	All-Weather/Allwetter		
	Winter		
Type of Vehicle/Fahrzeugart	Truck/Bus/LKW/Bus		
	Pick-up		
	Sedan/Van/PKW		
Type of Drive/Antriebsart	Rear/Heckantrieb		
	Front/Frontantrieb		
	4-WD/Allrad		
Anti-blocking system (ABS)/Anti-blockier System	No/Nein		

Route/Strecke										
Distance to Destination/Entfernung zum Zielort						>100 Km				
						20-100 Km				
						-20 Km				
Weather Forecast/Wettervorhersage (Call 467-3882)										
Weather Trend/Wetterentwicklung						Worse/Verschlechterung				
						Same/keine Veraenderung				
						Better/Verbesserung				
Visibility/Sichtverhaeltnisse						Good/Gut (unbeeintraechtigt)				
						restricted (night, fog, etc)				
						Schlecht (dunkel, neblig, etc)				
Risk/Risiko										
low risk/geringes Risiko/ (0-25) medium risk/mittleres Risiko (30-50) high risk/hohes Risiko (>50)										
Operators under the influence of medication, drugs and/or alcohol must not operate a vehicle!										
Fahrer die unter Drogen-, Medikamenten- oder Alkoholeinfluss stehen, duerfen kein Dienstfahrzeug fuehren!										
Additional risk reduction measures.										
Zusaetzhliche Massnahmen um das Risiko zu minimieren.										
Name and Signature of supervisor/Name und Unterschrift des Vorgesetzten:										
The trip is mission/emergency essential and can not be postponed.										
Die Fahrt ist dienstlich notwendig und kann nicht verschoben werden.										
Risk accepted, driver will be dispatched.										
Das Risiko wird akzeptiert, die Fahrt wird angeordnet.					Yes/Ja <input type="checkbox"/>	No/Nein <input type="checkbox"/>				
Name and signature of director/Name und Unterschrift des Abteilungsleiters:										

Road Condition Chart

Road Condition	Road Surface	Snow	Ice	Snow	Visibility Depth	Temperature
Green	Dry	(1) None (2) Blowing Powder	None	None	More than 50 meters	Above 35F (+2C)
Amber	Wet	*Packed *Slush	*Patches *Black ice *Slush	*Less than 4 inches	*Between 20 and 50 meters	30F (-1C) to 35F (+2C)
Red	*Flooded	*Drifting	*Sheet ice	*> 4"	*< 20 m	< 30F (-1C)
Black	*Heavily Flooded	*Heavy Drifting	*Extreme Sheet Ice	*> 8"	*< 15 m	< 10F (-12C)

*When one or more of the road conditions marked with an asterisk are noted, the corresponding road condition status must be declared.

- Safe Winter Driving Considerations



Local Driving Hazards

“Hahnenhuegel” Bridge
(main bridge over the “Main” River towards Gerolzhofen)

**Caution:
Black Ice**



Local Driving Hazards

**View on B19 from Wuerzburg turn right onto 303 toward Conn
and Ledward Barracks**



The intersection is
under construction
slow down!

Local Driving Hazards

**B19 between Bad Kissingen, Schweinfurt
and Wuerzburg**



**DO NOT
PASS ON
BLIND
CURVES**

Local Driving Hazards



Be aware of deer
when driving
through forest
areas!

General Information

Cold weather greatly affects the operating performance of your car.

Winter weather presents unique hazards, i.e. snow, slush, ice, black ice, etc...

Drivers must always exercise extreme caution for safe winter driving.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE FOR THE WINTER!

KNOW YOUR VEHICLE!

SLOW DOWN WHILE DRIVING

INCREASE FOLLOWING DISTANCE!

TAKE YOUR TIME, DON'T HURRY, ARRIVE ALIVE!

Winter Driving

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Are there any
QUESTIONS?



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

This certificate confirms that

Has satisfactorily completed Winter Driver's Training for FY



Provided on this CD by:

Ansbach Driver's Testing and Training

Date

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