



Dear Driver

Latest Update: October 2023

The BTRDA Rallycross Championship would like to keep you fully updated regarding the supply of tyres to the championship from 2024 onwards

As you should already know Cooper/AVON tyres will cease to be made and exist within world motorsport beyond 31/12/2023 along with the closing of the UK Melksham factory.

The championship has been aware of this since late 2022 and have since been working hard on a new tyre provider and commercial partner from 2024 onwards.

Having done extensive research and conducted various meetings with manufacturers it soon became clear there was only one manufacturer able to make and supply an equal tyre in all sizes and construction and that company was MRF Tyres. They are also the only supplier able to fill the void of around 200,000 tyres currently supplied by Cooper/Avon.

We therefore would like to advise ALL competitors that from the start of the 2024 season onwards MRF tyres will be the mandated tyre supplier to ALL BTRDA categories (2024 to 2026 seasons inclusive with an option to extend for the 2027 season) MRF have concluded a deal for Waltham Services to be the sole tyre supplier, distributor, and fitter of the MRF tyres at all events. Tyres supplied by Waltham will also be stamped to ensure they come from one source this will be regulated. We believe that this arrangement will secure a supply of tyres for all competitors and in a cost-effective way.

Further information will follow in due course however the following should be noted by all drivers:

Competitors in the following categories:

- Modified 4x4, Modified, Production, Juniors and BMW Mini will continue to race on a mandatory road legal tyre this will be a 'Rallycross' branded MRF 'ZTR' track tyre with a similar compound as currently used.
- FIA Cross car will use a 10" tyre front and rear available as a slick and knobbly
- Clubman 4x4, Super Modified and Classic will be able to use MRF tyres (Included within a defined list) including; The MRF Rallycross branded track tyre 'ZTR' mentioned above, The new MRF Crossply Rallycross tyre (13" & 17"), plus MRF Rallycross radial tyres which have been specifically made for Rallycross and will be available in 13" to 17".
- ALL MRF tyres for the BTRDA Rallycross Championship will need to be purchased through the designated MRF supplier 'Waltham Services' (James Hutchins). Tyres will be available once testing has been completed along with pricing. ALL tyres purchased will be branded MRF Rallycross tyres and also have a 'Waltham Services' stamp to ensure ALL competitors comply with the 2024 technical regulations. This agreement also ensures there will be a tyre fitting service at all BTRDA Rallycross Championship rounds.

Further information will follow during the closed season, at the Autosport International and also at the official 2024 launch at the 2023 awards on the 20th January, Drayton Manor Hotel.

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