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## TYRE LABELLING LEGISLATION A QUICK GUIDE TO THE TYRE LABELS

In November 2012, tyre labelling became mandatory in all European Union countries. This will help drivers make informed decisions about the tyre's they choose – based on the label. This will also provide clearer and more consistent information on everything available.

### THE LABEL


The label shows three criteria – Rolling Resistance (Fuel Efficiency), Wet Grip (Braking Performance) and External Noise. There is a standard rating system for each.

**ROLLING RESISTANCE (FUEL EFFICIENCY)**  
 Tyres with a low rolling resistance are more fuel efficient. They can help you reduce driving costs and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The label shows seven levels of fuel efficiency with 'A' being the most efficient and likely to use the least amount of fuel on a journey. 'G', at the bottom of the scale is the least efficient.

**WET GRIP (BRAKING PERFORMANCE)**  
 This is an important road safety measure, affecting how quickly a vehicle can stop in wet conditions.

Wet braking performance is also categorised in seven classes. An 'A' rated tyre has the shortest braking distance on wet roads. 'G' rated tyres have the longest stopping distances.

**EXTERNAL NOISE**  
 A tyre's external noise emission is shown as a series of black waves. A single black wave indicates the lowest level of noise on the scale, which shows that the tyre's noise level is 3dB better than the future European limit. Two black waves show that the tyre meets the future European limit. Three black waves indicate that the tyre only meets the current European limit for noise.

### WHAT GRADE OF TYRE SHOULD YOU EXPECT?

At Lex Autolease, we have a premium fit tyre policy and this will not change with the implementation of the new labelling legislation.

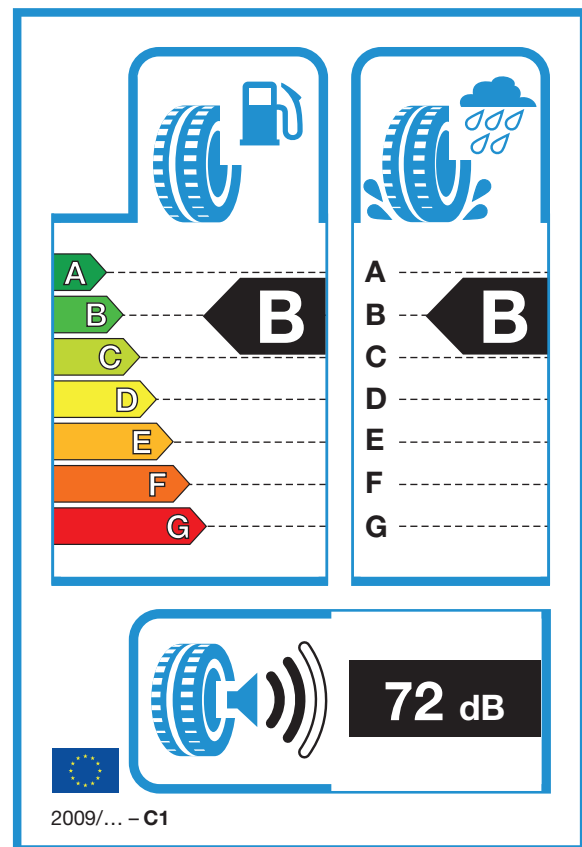
So, the majority of premium tyre brands will be rated 'A' to 'C' for rolling resistance and wet grip.

### CAN I CHOOSE MY OWN TYRES BASED ON THE LABEL RATING?

Our current tyre supply contract means it's not possible to choose tyres based on the new labelling. More importantly, limiting the choice of tyres available is likely to increase vehicle down time. You still have the 'like for like' option if requested.

### TYRES FITTED ON NEW VEHICLES

The new labelling policy does not apply to new vehicle supply. Vehicles will be supplied with tyres that the manufacturer recommends.



For further information please call

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**or**

**Driver support team 0344 824 0736**

\*Subject to contractual agreement type