



## OUR BEST ALL-SEASON TIRES, ALL-WEATHER TIRES & WINTER TIRES OF 2015

[Kal's Tire Testing](#) put 19 of our most popular tires to the test in the rugged, natural winter conditions you face every day. So, which tires were the star performers?

Here, we highlight our best all-season tires, all-weather tires and winter tires of 2015:

### ACHILLES 2233: ONE OF OUR BEST ALL-SEASON TIRES (3-SEASON TIRES)

As an ultra-performance tire, the [Achilles 2233](#) is an all-season tire designed to suit the needs of sport enthusiasts at an affordable price. Among all-season tires (which we refer to as 3-season tires), the Achilles 2233 proved to perform well in the dry tests, and it's a great street tire for spring, summer and fall, but its all-season rubber compound means it freezes and loses traction below 7 C, so other tires are a safer choice for winter use.

#### The test category it won:

- Dry braking (among the all-season tires we tested)
- Dry cornering (among all 19 tires we tested)

The third-party professional drivers also gave the Achilles 2233 five stars for hydroplaning, a score shared by three of our other best all-season tires.

#### Cool features

- **Broad tread shoulder** allows the tire to maintain contact with the road during cornering and provides strong straight-line stability.
- **Asymmetrical tread pattern** uses large outside tread blocks to increase contact patch and reduce tread squirm as well as heat build-up. Smaller inside tread blocks dissipate heat on dry roads and displace water on wet roads.
- **A wide centre rib** supports the tire and keeps it rigid during high speed highway driving. The wide centre rib also improves cornering response by creating a wide contact zone so drivers can enjoy a tire that turns quickly.

## NOKIAN WRG3: BEST ALL-WEATHER TIRES

It's been hailed the 'winter tire you can drive all year.' The [Nokian WRG3](#) is one of our most popular Nokian tires, particularly in urban centres with light snow such as Vancouver. Designated winter tires still deliver superior performance in mountain passes and on heavy, hard-packed snow, but if you need a true year-round tire for milder winter weather, the WRG3 is definitely one of the best all-weather tires on the market. Now our test results prove why.

### The tests it won:

- Dry braking (among all 19 tires)
- Ice cornering (among all 19 tires)
- Wet and ice braking (in the all-weather tires category)
- Dry and wet cornering (in the all-weather tires category)
- Hydroplaning (in the all-weather tires category)

### Cool features:

- **A special rubber compound** allows the WRG3 to remain soft at temperatures above and below 7 C (the point at which 3-season tires freeze and lose traction) for year-round grip and reliability.
- **An [asymmetrical tread design](#)** uses larger tread blocks on the outside to create a bigger contact patch for cornering grip and reduce tread squirm for better stability. Larger lateral grooves on the outside pump water out the side of the tire. Smaller inside tread blocks and grooves ensure sensitive handling in warmer conditions.
- **Polished grooves** on the tread block whisk away ice and slush to help reduce the risk of hydroplaning and slushplaning, the second most dangerous driving condition.
- **Silent grooves**, golf-ball like cavities between tread blocks, guide air to keep the tire cool and reduce wear as well as road noise.
- **[Severe service emblem](#)** so you know it exceeds standards for use in severe winter conditions.

Learn more about Nokian all-weather tires in our article and infographic, [What's the difference between winter, all-season, and all-weather tires?](#)

## BEST WINTER TIRE: NOKIAN TYRES HAKKAPELIITTA R2

To put it simply, the Hakka has always been one of the safest, most comfortable Nokian tires. The beloved Finnish company, renowned for its winter [tire testing at White Hell](#), calls the [Hakkapeliitta R2](#) their "finest winter tire for northern conditions." (But it's also darn impressive in dry and wet conditions too.)

### The tests it won:

- Ice braking (out of all 19 tires)
- Ice cornering (out of all 19 tires)
- Wet braking (among all the winter tires)
- Dry cornering (among all the winter tires)
- Wet cornering (among all the winter tires)
- Hydroplaning (tied for first among winter tires)

### Cool features:

- **Millions of diamond-tough grip particles** added to the rubber compound bite into the road for exceptional grip. They also provide superb wear resistance: these eco-friendly little 'crystals' rise up as tread wears down.
- **Jagged grip claws** at the base between tread blocks and slush claws on the sides of tread blocks.
- **Sipes pump water from the face of the tread** and out the sides to maintain contact with the road and resist hydroplaning.

*Are you looking for the best all-weather tires or winter tires that will suit your needs and budget this season? Our tire experts help you choose the best tires online or in store to suit the unique conditions you face. Visit your store or [talk to Kal](#) via live chat, phone or email.*

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