


WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUMMER AND WINTER WIPER BLADES?

Through sleet, blizzards and spring rainstorms, your windshield wiper blades play an important role in giving you a clear view of the road. But how do summer wiper blades and winter wiper blades work to keep your windshield clear in different conditions?

WINTER BLADE




Anti-clogging armour
With a winter wiper blade, you don't have to worry about ice freezing around the joints and between the bars. This protective shield blocks snow and rain from the wiper's elements so the blade can flex and keep your window clear in all weather conditions.

Sturdy frame
Save for the attaching arm, a winter wiper blade only has one moving part. This ensures there are no exposed parts that could be clogged by ice. Along with a sturdier frame, wiper blades are better able to handle everything from freezing rain to blizzards.

Robust, synthetic rubber
Winter wiper blades feature a rubber that stays soft and flexible, even in freezing temperatures. Synthetic ingredients such as silicone and Teflon prevent the rubber from getting cold and hard. A more robust rubber resists ice build-up as well as tearing in sub-zero temperatures.

SUMMER BLADE



Lattice arms with moving parts
Traditional wiper blades feature what's called a 'lattice' framework that uses multiple bars and pivot points to flex and clear rain from your window. In winter, those points would jam with ice.

Lightweight frame
With such a thin, lightweight frame, you'll hardly know your wiper blades are there until it's raining and they're fast at work. Car enthusiasts in particular like the thin look of a summer wiper blade.

Lighter layer of natural rubber
Summer wiper blades tend to use a thinner layer of rubber to make contact with your window, and it's often made of mostly natural rubber, which works well in mild and warm temperatures.

To help keep your windshield clear and your wiper blades working at optimum performance, have winter wiper blades installed when you have your winter tires put on, and do the same with a new set of summer wiper blades when you have your summer tires installed in the spring.

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