

# The cost-effective way of keeping moving in winter

**H**ow many times have we said: be prepared for winter? Unlike many European countries, it is not a legal requirement to either carry snow chains or have special winter tyres fitted to the van, so those who don't get smart risk losing business.

Autosock offers an easy-fit solution which is also sensibly priced. Autosock is a tyre sock that allows the vehicle to work in snow, slush and icy conditions.

To fit it, you just need to ensure the vehicle is parked on flat ground, unpack the folded Autosock and shake it out.

With both hands, grab the elasticised edge and stretch it over the tyre. Feeling for the rim on the inside of the wheel, gradually pull

the rest of the Autosock over wheel.

If this has been done correctly the hairy material that provides the driving surface will be perfectly aligned over the tread area of the tyre. You will be able to cover about three quarters of the tyre circumference before moving the vehicle forward about a metre so the bottom of the tyre that wasn't covered now becomes the top, where the final part can be fitted.

### You can then move away

The hairy fabric material grips really well, but don't try and drive the vehicle at normal road speeds – just have some consideration for the road conditions.

There is no reason why the van can't run up to speeds of 30mph. Fitting all four wheels is probably



Picture by Finley Eisenegger

### Autosocks are easy to fit

the best solution as the Autosock will also help provide braking on the road surface.

We took just a couple of minutes to fit the Autosock per wheel. We would recommend wearing gloves as the tyres can be cold and the inside of the wheel arches very dirty.

Once finished, let the Autosocks dry out properly, fold them up and put them away back in their bags for use another time.

Starting at £49.95 per pair they are well worth having in the back of your van.



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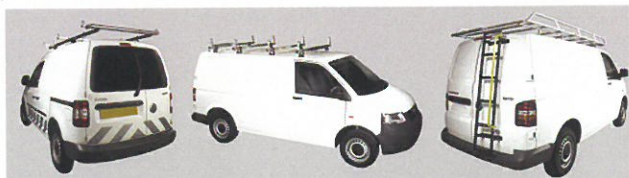
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