

Tire BUYER'S GUIDE

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The easiest and fastest way to improve the handling of a street truck is to swap factory rubber for high-performance, low-profile aftermarket tires. A truck driven off-road might need double duty tires to handle paved or unpaved terrain. The editors at *Sport Truck* have compiled a sampling of possible replacement rubber to make the transition to the good life all the more easier.



Indiana Rubber

The Hoosier Radial GT comes in M and S speed ratings and is designed for performance. The GT features superior handling, ride, quietness and traction in wet, dry, snow or mud conditions. Information: Hoosier Tires, Dept. ST09, One General St., Akron, OH 44329, 216/798-3260.

Syclone Slicks

The Firestone Firehawk SVX is the ultra high-performance, all-season tire that GMC puts on its Syclone super truck. The aggressive all-season, unidirectional tread design has wide circumferential grooves and lateral slots that combine to provide excellent all-weather traction and help resist hydroplaning. Constructed with polyester cord body piles and two steel belts for added durability and high-speed capability, the Firehawk SVX is available in 65-, 60-, 55- and 50-series sizes. Information: Firestone Tire, Dept. ST09, 1200 Firestone Parkway, Akron, OH 44317-0001, 800/421-6746.



Race Bred

The Potenza RE71 is a quiet-riding, low-profile radial that delivers high performance to sport truck enthusiasts. Designed to fill the needs of Bridgestone's Formula II racing program and adapted for the street, the RE71's unidirectional tread design ensures agile handling at high speeds. Information: Bridgestone U.S.A. Inc., Dept. ST09, One Bridgestone Park, Nashville, TN 37241, 615/391-0088.

Long-Term T/A

The BFGoodrich Comp T/A VR4 combines its well-known high-performance characteristics with all-season durability. With a UTQG treadwear rating of 340, the VR4 is designed to perform for the long haul. It features black serrated lettering and is produced in six 16-inch sizes. Information: The Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Company, Dept. ST09, 600 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44397, 216/374-3000.

