







Alternative Traction Devices

It is recommended vehicle owners consult their owner's manual to see what the manufacturer suggests be used as a traction device for their vehicle. The following chart indicates the alternative traction devices that are certified by their manufacturer as meeting or exceeding chain requirements in accordance with WAC 204-24-035 which are therefore considered approved for use when "Chains Required" signs are posted in Washington State provided that the product meets the requirements for use set forward by the manufacturer (see measurable indicator of wear provided on the chart below and the product owner's manual for more detail):

Alternative Traction Device Product	Front wheel drive passenger cars (under 10,000 lb)	Rear wheel drive passenger cars (under 10,000 lb)	Vehicle or vehicle combinations over 10,000 lb with five or less axles	Vehicles or vehicle combinations over 10,000 lb with six or more axles	Measurable indicator of wear (*consult the owner's manual for additional details/restrictions)
 AutoSock	✓ Approved	✓ Approved	✓ Approved	✗ Not Approved	When 50% of the AutoSock shows black yarn the product should be replaced. If more than 50% of the product shows black yarn, the wear tolerance has been exceeded.
 Polaire Grip	✓ Approved	✓ Approved	✗ Not Approved	✗ Not Approved	If they are damaged or broken, the chain must not be fitted under any circumstances. Do not fit a chain that has 1/3 wear on the tread surface.
 Easy Grip EVO	✓ Approved	✗ Not Approved	✗ Not Approved	✗ Not Approved	If more than 3 consecutive mesh are broken, the chain must not be used again.
 Polaire Steel Grip	✓ Approved	✗ Not Approved	✗ Not Approved	✗ Not Approved	If they are damaged or broken, the chain must be fitted under circumstances. Only use original spare parts if repairs are necessary.
 Grip Tex	✓ Approved	✗ Not Approved	✗ Not Approved	✗ Not Approved	Do not use the snow socks if they are abnormally worn. (If the perforations exceed 40% of the width of the tread, the socks should no longer be used).
 SOS Grip	✓ Approved	✗ Not Approved	✗ Not Approved	✗ Not Approved	Do not use the snow socks if they are abnormally worn. (If the perforations exceed 40% of the width of the tread, the socks should no longer be used).

*Note: Information regarding measurable indicator of wear is posted as provided by the manufacturer in accordance with WAC 204-24-035, owners must consult the product manual to gain additional details regarding warnings and proper care/use of the alternative traction device product.