

Shaved or unshaved for first set.

Posted by vpk944 - 07 Jan 2012 12:43

I think I know the answer to this question, but would your first set of Toyo's for a new build be shaved or unshaved? I have one old set with 50% tread that were my 944 Cup rain tires? Also, where do you guys prefer to order them from. I would rather get them from someone that supports the series than save \$10 per tire.

PS. I'm in the Atlanta area.

Thanks

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Re: Shaved or unshaved for first set.

Posted by vpk944 - 10 Jan 2012 05:22

So I need to back it off a few sessions at RA before I drive "flat out". Sounds fun, hopefully I won't miss the grip of a 275 Hoosier too much. Looking forward to building the Southeast Spec series.

Thanks for all of the advice.

Cheers

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Re: Shaved or unshaved for first set.

Posted by 944Racer72 - 10 Jan 2012 07:48

No need to back off but the tires won't give you all they have until about 6 heat cycles. I've also found no need to cycle and rest the Toyos like you would a new Hoosier for max life. They don't seem to care.

You WILL miss the grip of the Hoosiers until you get in a race group with everyone on the same tires, then it is all fun.

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Re: Shaved or unshaved for first set.

Posted by vpk944 - 10 Jan 2012 08:26

I WON'T miss the cost associated with running lots of Hoosiers.

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Re: Shaved or unshaved for first set.

Posted by vpk944 - 10 Jan 2012 08:28

Forgot to ask. What is the expected number of heat cycles you guys get out of your Toyo's. You said they come in around 6. Hoosiers are ready to be sold to DE drivers at that number of heat cycles.

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Re: Shaved or unshaved for first set.

Posted by 944Racer72 - 10 Jan 2012 08:48

I think they start to fall off around 15 cycles but the fall is gradual. I ran one set all season last year.

Also, Toyo's sponsorship is awesome. Once you get some fields, if you run near the front (or split money), you won't be buying tires. At least you will get significant discounts.