

Lagondaforum: Which Tyres on the Rapide?

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Written by randall977 at Jun 13, 2011 10:31 pm

The original tyres on my Rapide were 7.10 15 Avon Turbospeed Mk3's (of which one original is still on the car), four are now 8.15 15 Avon Turbospeed R/R-B. How important is it for me to retain Avon Turbospeed tyres in terms of resale, what if I put on Michelin XWX instead?

Re: Which Tyres on the Rapide?

Written by David at Jun 14, 2011 8:25 am

The original tyres were crossplies, awful by modern standards. I'd propose there's no evidence to suggest that tyres affect values. The only point about radials whether Avon Turbosteel (which I use) or Michelin XWX is that you'll lose some rolling radius hence speed/revs. There are tyre comparison sites on the web which enable you to calculate the differences. On the Rapide I'd settle for HR rated tyres as good for 135 mph

Re: Which Tyres on the Rapide?

Written by randall977 at Jun 14, 2011 9:47 am

Thanks David. I've calculated that 225 70 15 (8.15 15) will have a negligible effect on the speed etc over the original. The Michelins look like a good alternative that should look right on the car. I'm asking now as some may be coming my way soon...

Re: Which Tyres on the Rapide?

Written by Guy Vinall at Dec 12, 2012 8:20 pm

Hello all,

I have now put nearly 5,000 miles on the DB Lagonda Rapide. 3,500 miles on the D type wheels with Pirelli Tyres & 1,500 miles on the original wheels with tubes & Avon Steel Radials. Both wheels & tyres are good. I would say the Pirelli's deliver a marginal better ride & grip. Certainly if you are a spirited driver they are a better all weather tyre. I have just about taken both sets up to max speed & neither have scared me beyond the norm

Re: Which Tyres on the Rapide?

Written by randall977 at Nov 11, 2013 9:12 pm

I still can't work out what tyres I should be fitting on my original steel wheels - I've come across two possibilities but both are whitewall... Anybody found any answers to this one?

Re: Which Tyres on the Rapide?

Written by randall977 at Nov 11, 2013 10:58 pm

...what I've found out this evening is that 7.10x15 is 7.10 inches (7 1/4") from the outer face of the side wall to other outer face and 15 inch diameter rim. The depth of the tyre is not given but I measured it as 6 inches. So that equates in modern size to 180 / 85 / 15...which I don't think exists. My spare is 8.15x15, which is 205/75/15...which does exist - 75 is 75% of 205mm - around 150mm.
