



# Informational Bulletin

## AutoSock Traction Aids

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AutoSock Traction Aids are for use in icy and/or snowy road conditions when normal propulsion means have been rendered useless. They are currently being carried on ES027, ES028, and ES029.

AutoSock is made from 100% high-technology fibers. These fibers, which become hairier with use, are arranged in a specific pattern in order to optimize grip. The specially developed textile has the advantage of handling water film found between the icy and snowy road and the tire maximizing grip.

Upon returning to the station, dry them and shake the dirt out. They are machine washable but **DO NOT** put them in the dryer.

AutoSock does not have the loud rattling and the bumpy ride which you associate with snow chains. They are approved for speeds up to 20mph for commercial vehicles; nevertheless your speed should always be appropriate for the weather and road conditions.

Please watch the video in the link below in reference to installation and use of the AutoSock traction aids that have been placed in-service on ES027, ES028, and ES029.

- <https://autosock.us/products/how-to-install/>

Please remember:

- AutoSock should only be used on ice and snow, and it should be removed immediately once the conditions no longer require it to be used. You should also remove the AutoSock traction device when the vehicle is parked.
- After use the AutoSock shall be cleaned and placed back into the bag for future use.

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