

"Plus" or "+" Sized Tires

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The "plus" movement was started by Surly. "Plus" means a 2.75–3.25" tire in your frame and fork. Plus size tires add traction and comfort to your ride. These tires work best on 40–50mm rims to get the contact patch correct, but be sure and check with the tire and rim manufacturers for specific compatibility. Plus tires also increase the diameter of your wheel and tire combo to the diameter of the next largest wheel with a standard width tire.

Frames that can accommodate plus sized tires can also have a secondary wheelset with a larger rim and smaller tire if you want to switch back and forth. This is similar to having an alloy wheel for your car with a larger diameter rim and lower profile tire.

Below are illustrations of equivalent tire and rim combinations. The dimensions given will aid in determining tire fit in a frame.

