

Competitor Bulletin # 2026-02, Dunlop Tire Regulation

TO: Progressive American Flat Track Community

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SUBJECT: Daytona and Atlanta Short Track Dunlop Race Tire Usage, Allocation, Purchase and Exchange Regulations

Dunlop remains committed to the advancement of flat track racing by continually improving tire performance to meet the needs of racers at every level. Due to the 2025 closure of the Buffalo NY production facility, Dunlop's parent company, Sumitomo Rubber Industries (SRI), transitioned the race tire development and production to Japan. The Japanese produced DT4s were tested throughout 2025 and will be introduced **series wide** starting at the Ventura Short Track, April 25, 2026.

Due to limited inventory of U.S. and Japanese made DT4 race tires the following regulation will apply for the upcoming Daytona Short Track Double Header, March 5-6, and Atlanta Short Track, March 21.

- 1) Mission AFT SuperTwins will use U.S. made Front and Rear DT4s. These are the same spec used in 2025.
 - a. Mission AFT SuperTwins riders may purchase a maximum of three (3) U.S. made R5 DT4 tires **at Daytona. Pre-orders are not available. Post Daytona ST II inventory will be assessed for Atlanta ST regulation.**
 - b. Inventory of U.S. made R7 DT4 rear tires is NOT limited.
 - c. Inventory of U.S. made F5 DT4 front tires is NOT limited.
- 2) KICKER AFT Singles will use U.S. made F5 fronts ('25 spec) and new Japanese made R5 rear DT4s.
 - a. KICKER AFT Singles riders can purchase a maximum of four (4) Japanese made R5 DT4 tires - **OR** - exchange up to four (4), new, never-mounted 2025 production U.S. made R5 DT4 tires for an equal number of new Japanese made R5 DT4s **at Daytona. Pre-orders are not available. Post Daytona ST II inventory will be assessed for Atlanta ST regulation.**
 - b. Inventory of U.S. made R7 DT4 rear tires is NOT limited.
 - c. Inventory of U.S. made F5 DT4 front tires is NOT limited.
- 3) AFT Adventure Trackers will use commercially available Dunlop Trailmax Mission tires.
- 4) AFT ProSport 450 and Royal Enfield BTR will use U.S. made DT4 tires.
 - a. AFT ProSport 450 riders that qualify for Thursday's program can purchase one (1) U.S. made R5 DT4
 - b. Inventory of U.S. made F5 DT4 front tires is NOT limited. There are plenty.

Tire sales, 2025 contingency redemption and exchange will be available at the Daytona Short Track Wednesday, March 4 from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and again both Thursday (5th) and Friday (6th) from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Location is close to the TECH trailer. Purchase, exchange and redemption limits will apply.

AFT license holders with stock of older, 2025 production U.S. made F5 and R5 compound tires will be able to "trade in" existing tires at the Ventura Short Track Saturday, April 25 and Throttlefest at Budds Creek on May 16 for the new Japanese made tires with certain conditions. 2025 contingency redemption will be available at these venues as well.

How do I know if I have a tire eligible for exchange?

- The tires eligible for exchange will be identified by DOT (date of manufacturer).
 - DOT code 4024 and newer.
 - Any DOT code 3924 and prior are not eligible for exchange.