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I have consulted with a number of associates at our Global Headquarters in Akron regarding your request. Although we have not performed testing on this specific vehicle application, we are providing our opinion with regards to the usage of winter tires for these 21-passenger buses that are built on 1 ton truck chassis with dual tires on the drive axle.

We concur with your independent automotive engineer's recommendation as follows: (i) for the specific purpose of minimizing oversteer at highway speeds, the use of winter tires on the drive axle and non-winter tires on the steer axle of the subject vehicles is appropriate; and (ii) for the subject vehicles in urban application, non-highway speeds, the use of winter tires on all positions is likewise appropriate.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

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