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IS THERE A TRICK TO MOUNTING OPEN TUBULARS TIRES?

First of all, make sure your tire is paired with an appropriately-sized rim. Our tires follow ETRTO standards for rim compatibility (see chart below):

European Tire and Rim Technical Organization Standards Manual - 2007

Rim width (mm)	Tire section width															
	18	20	23	25	28	32	35	37	40	44	47	50	54	57	60	62
13c	x	x	x	x												
15c			x	x	x	x										
17c				x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
19c					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
21c							x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
23c								x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
25c										x	x	x	x	x	x	x
27c											x	x	x	x	x	x
29c													x	x	x	x

Installation

The first installation may still be quite tight, even with the correct rim, but the tire will stretch once you begin riding and subsequent installations will be easier. The best way to mount an Open Tubular tire is:

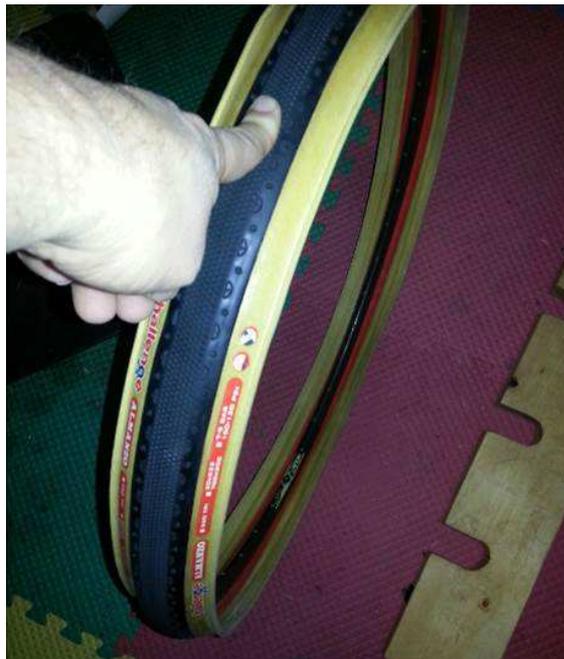
1. Center the rim inside the flat carcass (or casing) of the Open Tubular tire



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2. Pull the tire around the rim so that the tire lies flat over the whole rim and a bead hangs over each side



3. Install one side of the tire, beginning opposite the valve hole



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4. Install the tube.
Note: If you plan on using latex tubes, ride the new OT tire with a butyl tube for a short while until the Open Tubular tire stretches to shape in order to avoid pinching the latex tube
5. Install also the second side of the tire, beginning opposite the valve hole.
6. Push the casing in all along both sides of the tire to make sure that the tube isn't pinched under the bead anywhere!
7. Deflate and inflate again, checking again that the tube isn't pinched!
If the tube should be folded anywhere it will get back to round with a second inflation.