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## Loyale 2.7 Turbo

The Mighty "BumbleBeast"



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Roatán, Honduras.

Posted November 3, 2011 (edited)

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Hi all!



Yes, I did the **Search** thing and I only got Li'l confused; so I must start a New Thread in order to find the Right answer.

My **BumbleBeast** has this Setup:

- Front Suspension: 4WD Subaru Shock absorbers Plus Ford Tempo Coil Springs.
- Rear Suspension: 4Runner Shock Absorbers plus Honda accord Coil Springs. (that makes a 2" Lift)
- Fifteen (15") inches Rims.

(Details about my Suspension mods, could be Found [here](#))

So, The Rear became Taller than the Front... But Now I am about to install a **SJR 2" Lift** Kit for the Front of my Wagon, (More Details [here](#)) So my **BumbleBeast** will be on Level. 😁

The Question I Have is This:

Which Size of Tire is the Maximum (Tall & Wide) I can Run on my 2" Lifted **BumbleBeast** Without trimming?

Now it Runs unlifted on 205/60 R15. I'll Like to know which Tire sizes run on 15" rims, people who has 2" Lifts on their EA82 Subies.

Kind Regards. 😊

Edited November 3, 2011 by Loyale 2.7 Turbo

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## Subruise

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i have 28" firestone winterforce on my 91 loyale w/2" lift (205/75/r15). i still had to trim tho.

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Thanks!

You had to Trim... Could I ask you Where and how much?

I Don't want to cut the Fenders... Do you have Pics?

**Edited November 8, 2011 by Loyale 2.7 Turbo**

misspelled word



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im currently unable to get any pics up w/o a pc at home. you can search my posts/threads. my fenders are cut similar to One Eye's yellow wagon. I will say this tho, I cut my fenders before getting those tires. I originally had 235/75/r15s and couldnt cut/beat enough to make them fit so all my info is potentially worthless. sorry about that. IMHO if you wanna go bigger and not cut fenders (your car rocks, my car is beat and ugly) i would go taller. others can help out.

hth

RV



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## Vegablade

Eat, Live, Breath Subaru

Posted November 3, 2011

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What kind of rim are you using? It would make a difference, my 27" tires need quite a bit of trimming because i used a wheel with a bit of negative offset.



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good point VB, im using '91 mitsubishi (i know) montero wheels. the offset is real close to stock offset.

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## The Dude Abides

WileE Coyote Super Genius



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3041 posts  
West Des Moines, IA

Posted November 4, 2011

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I have 27 inch tires with a 2 inch lift. I wouldnt of had to do any cutting if i had the lift on before the tires. I have peugeot wheels so my offset is real close to stock. If your running anything else you will need to cut a bit.

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## Loyale 2.7 Turbo

The Mighty "BumbleBeast"



Posted November 5, 2011 (edited)

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**Vegablade said:**

What kind of rim are you using?...

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Good Question, They're Very Close to Stock offset, but 15" alloys; you can see them in the Picture attached on the link below, or by Clickin' on my Signature; those are in my "BUMBLEBEAST" Subaru.

<http://www.ultimatesubaru.org/forum/album.php?albumid=51&pictureid=3242>

▼ The Dude Abides said:

I have 27 inch tires with a 2 inch lift...

Could I Kindly ask you, Please, to give the Tire's Measurement in the Standard Format? ...

I'm not Sure which size is 27"

Now My Bumble Beast has 205/60 R15

I don't know how to Measure them to tell you if they're 25", 26" or so...

Kind Regards.

**Edited November 5, 2011 by Loyale 2.7 Turbo**  
to add the Picture's Link

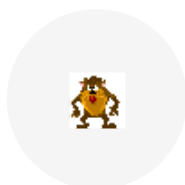


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TomRhere

Certified BRAT nut!!!



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Posted November 6, 2011

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Your 205/60/15 is about 24.5 inches,  
a 215/75/15 is 27.6 inches,  
225/70/15 is 27.4 inches.



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3910 posts  
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## Loyale 2.7 Turbo

The Mighty "BumbleBeast"



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Posted November 7, 2011

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Thank you!

I Found a Good Deal with a Set of 225/65 R 15 all terrain Tires but I am Not Sure if those are gonna Rub... so I haven't decided yet if I Gonna buy them.

I Just Found a Nice on-line Tire Size Calculator...  ...Here:

<http://www.net-comber.com/tirecalc.html>



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So, maybe my Tire Size Question must be Asked in Overall inches Size...

Which size is the Biggest & Widest I can Go Safely (Without Rubbing nor Trimming) on my 2" Lifted BumbleBeast? ...  ... 27" ?



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## maozebong

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Posted November 7, 2011

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27's are pushing it.... 215/75/15 might be able to fit, but it might rub the fenders under full compression...

a 225/60 or 225/65 probably wont rub and gives you the widest tread that can fit.

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Seattle, WA

i also know that you will have to trim and bash for **hours** to get a 235/75/15 to fit without rub, lock to lock.

how opposed are you to "massaging" the inner fender well with a BFH? you should be able to get an even bigger size to fit without cutting the finders themselves.



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I had to Trim to make these tires fit. They are 27x8.50x14 with a negative offset, Jeff (one eye) has a set of 27" wildcats on peugeot steels and they rub very little with no trimming.



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## tallwelder81

Eat, Live, Breath Subaru



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Posted November 7, 2011

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215-70-15 is great!!

lots of good a/t tires come in that size.

its big enough. wider without really being too wide,

and tallish without killing trannys or hurting acceleration too much.

i also lean toward medium sidewalls. thats why i went to all the trouble of

getting 15s when i couldve just thrown 27x8.5x15s on, and got the same overall dimensions.

the 215-70-15 is supposed to be 26.85.

with a sidewall a half inch shorter than a 215-75-15.

i wish someone would make some strong, light, affordable 16x6s in 4x140mm.



then id just run 215/65/16s.



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## Redcap

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Lewis County, WA

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6-lug wheels come in 16x6". Redrill to 4x140mm.

Problem solved.



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Roatán, Honduras.

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▼ Vegablade said:

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Thanks for the Pics, those Tires are Good Lookin' and somehow they're like the ones I Wanna Run on my BumbleBeast.

So, Those are 27" and your Subie has a 2" Lift, isn't it? ...

if so, it looks like Too much Trim for me.

So what Tire size do you Suggest to me? ... 26"? ...

Could 215/65 R15 Work?

Kind Regards. 😊



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## tallwelder81

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toyota wheels are toooo heavy....

and i dont like the way the centers look with the empty holes and lack of center caps.

it just doesnt suit my style.



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well... Back on Topic:

**Could 215/65 R15 tires Work in my BumbleBeast?**

or Shall I choose 215/60's?

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▼ Loyale 2.7 Turbo said:

... [Now it Runs unlifted on 205/60 R15](#) ...

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I want to See other 2" Lifted + 15" Rims Loyales and know how Big they can go with Tires without Trimming nor Rubbing.

Kind Regards.



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## Loyale 2.7 Turbo

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Roatán, Honduras.

Posted November 10, 2011

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215/65 R 15 are 26" according to the [Tire Size Calculator](#), so Does anyone Run a 2" Lifted Subie with those? ... are those gonna Rub?

Kind Regards.



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## Txakura

Not the Stig

Posted November 11, 2011

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use this to help figure it out



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Colfax, WA

<http://www.miata.net/garage/tirecalc.html>

y hola! amigo, que tal?

I'm running a 205/70 - 15 but it's a 4" lift, no trim. I do rub on maximum lock, just barely. I may be going to a low profile 16" because I can get some really nice rims for cheap. Using that tire size calculator I can find a smaller outside diameter and lower sidewall even though it's a larger inner diameter.

Tengo gusto de visitar Honduras, pero esté peligroso a través de México! (mas o menos, 'babel fish' no esta exactamente, lol)



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Txakura said:

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...

Thank you...

I already know that 215/65 R 15 Tire will be 26" ... the information I need is if my 2" lifted Wagon will have enough space for those tires without Trimming nor Rubbing.

Txakura said:

...

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¡Bien, Gracias! 😊

▼ **Txakura said:**

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Well... Babel fish works somehow like the Google Translator.

You're Welcome to my Beautiful & crazy Country, I hope that you'll Like it! 😄

Please, let me Know where you want to Stay, so I can go visit you with my **BumbleBeast**  
Subaru 😊

Kind Regards.



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Kind Regards.

one thing you will have to do with that hammer is flatten the seam in the wheel well, and a bit on the inside so that you can retain a full lock to lock steering.


you can get away with a tad of hammering without anybody noticing anything.  
like i said, "massaging" 😊

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Roatán, Honduras.

Posted November 14, 2011

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▼ maozebong said:

...you can get away with a tad of hammering without anybody noticing anything. like i said, "massaging" 😄

Thank you!

I'll consider the "Massage" idea, it will depend on the Tires I could found Soon.

Kind Regards.



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## Loyale 2.7 Turbo

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Posted March 2, 2012

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I've Noticed something interesting...

I Measured the 205/60 R 15" Tires on my BumbleBeast and they are 25"



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and I Found that with those, my **BumbleBeast** performs Very Well On-Road and Off-Road.

The Steering became noticeable Softer ... 🤖 ... it was Harder, Before the SJR 2" Lift kit install, when my subie Rode on Fat 13" Tires.

Also the Weberized EA82 sometimes asks for downshifting from 3rd to 2nd Speeds when I Drive Uphill on our Steep roads, but the 2nd Speed really Feels more "Powerful" (torquier) and faster than before.

So, Since I Drive 60% on Road on City Streets & Highways (is my Daily Driver) and 40% off-Road on Weekends... Seems like those 25" Tires are the **Best Option** for such usage.

So I Decided to Keep 'em 'till they run Bald! 😊

Kind Regards.

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