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Subject: Wheel Covers and Tyre Blow-outs

Today's vehicles are sometimes built with wheel covers or bodywork covering the wheel and tyre assemblies. In respect of this we would like to draw your attention to the risks that can result from a tyre blow-out when covers are fitted.

Tests carried out by a major tyre manufacturer have shown that a tyre burst can cause a wheel cover, or parts of the cover, to be projected in such a way that it may cause bodily injuries and/or damage.

Tyres are designed to be used in an open environment thus minimising the risk of injury or damage in the case of a tyre blow-out. On the advice of tyre manufacturers, we are alerting you to the potential risks of fitting covers over the wheels.

If you have any customers who require wheel covers to be fitted, we would suggest you contact the appropriate tyre manufacturer for further guidance.