



TYRE INDUSTRY FEDERATION

Tyre Manufacturers' Technical Advisory Committee

Truck tyre task force

Minutes of the meeting held 1st June 2020 by Zoom conference

Present					
Rob Blurton	<i>Michelin</i>	Alistair Brown	<i>GiTi</i>	Steve Howat	<i>Continental</i>
Gary Powell	<i>Bridgestone</i>				
Steve Cope	<i>DVSA</i>				
Apologies					
Chris Baxter	<i>Hankook</i>	Steve Morris	<i>Goodyear</i>	Dave Wood	<i>DVSA</i>
In attendance					
Graham Willson	<i>BTMA</i>				

1. Welcome and housekeeping matters

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham welcomed participants to the call. Apologies were received from Chris Baxter and Dave Wood.	Noted.

2. Compliance statement

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Graham highlighted the need to respect Competition law and the requirements of the TIF compliance statement.	Members agreed to abide by the requirements of the compliance statement.

3. Minutes of last meeting held 28th April 2020

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
The minutes of the last meeting, held 28 th April, were reviewed.	The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Matters arising not elsewhere on the agenda

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
None	

5. Guide to tyre management on heavy vehicles

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Feedback re latest draft.	Amendments were adopted as proposed regarding tyre inflation and minimum tread depth. Members agreed to submit sidewall marking diagrams to inform improved chart to include reference to Unique point. Agreement to amend wording re load capacity to be "equal to or greater than".
Further amendments under "Other tyre conditions".	Agreement to amend wording re Cuts to include tears and reference to BS AU 195g repair standard. Agreement to include wording re bulges. Also, to re-group text re sidewall abrasion under "Irregular wear".
Fitting tyres in situ. How to reconcile best practice (remove wheel) with widespread practice of in situ replacement, particularly on trailers? NTDA / HSE have recently issued related guidance.	Topic requires further research and consideration. Carried forward to next meeting. Rob to circulate NTDA guidance.

Constituent Associations:

- British Tyre Manufacturers' Association
- Imported Tyre Manufacturers Association
- Tyre Recovery Association

Review of remaining content in Guide.	New introduction required from Senior Traffic Commissioner Richard Turfitt. Current content re storage and wheels OK. Content re training to be amended to include hyperlinks to driver's daily tyre check-list and DVSA guidance re walkaround checks on HGV and PSV. Useful contacts: Graham to collate updated details.
Next steps in updating Guide.	Graham to incorporate latest revisions in draft text and re-issue. Outstanding issues to be finalised at next meeting. Further progress will be hostage to DfT announcement re tyre ageing policy. Once this is clear, a near final draft can then be circulated to a wide body of stakeholders including the Traffic Commissioners. Publication in October is theoretically possible but realistically unlikely.

6. Driver walk-around checks

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
A proposed presentation of the agreed text with graphics was briefly reviewed.	Graham to circulate document for member feedback. Members to consider the opportunity of including photos of common tyre defects.

7. Photographic guidance to support DVSA Guide to Defect Categorisation

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
The objective and scope of the proposed document was reviewed and confirmed.	Focus on contentious cases. Avoid banalities. Graham to propose list of topics based on previous guidance. Ambition for presentation as a poster should also limit the number of cases to be considered. Steve Cope to supply relevant MOT test data.

8. Van / light truck guidance – scope and planning

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Reminder of ambition to produce derivative guidance for light commercial vehicles.	Hold project in abeyance pending completion of current activity on heavy vehicle tyres.

9. Agricultural tyre inflation procedure

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Project in abeyance pending completion of trials of pressure limiting device.	Noted.

10. Any Other Business

<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Position re FRT tyres. Confirmation from ETRTO of intent to pursue amendment of UNECE Reg 142 (Fitment of tyres) to clarify unsuitability of FRT tyres for use on Steer or Drive axles. Confirmation of current DVSA position that FRT tyres are not suitable for Drive axles. Recognition that even if Reg 142 is amended as proposed, an amendment to C&U Regs would be required to give it effect in the aftermarket.	No further action possible pending amendment of Reg 142.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled 7th July 10:30 – 12:30 by Zoom conference.