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Free Spring tyre safety checks at Micheldever

- More cars on the road over the spring bank holiday could lead to tyre failures
- Punctures and tyre problems third highest call out for roadside rescue companies

Staying safe on the road over the Spring Bank Holiday period is behind the offer of free tyre safety checks by one of the UK's leading independent tyre retail groups, Micheldever Tyre Services (www.micheldever.co.uk). The five-point check will be undertaken by tyre experts at any one of the company's Hampshire location.

The checks will include:

- Tread depth – the legal minimum is 1.6mm, however, Protyre recommends that tyres should have at least 2.5 to 3mm of tread for safe driving.
- Tyre pressures – many cars are being driven with under inflated tyres and this can lead to premature wear, increased fuel consumption and increased CO2 emissions.
- General condition – Bumps, cuts and other sidewall damage can potentially lead to a blow-out.
- Uneven wear – tyres/wheels could be misaligned and this can lead to premature replacement.

Finally, Micheldever will, if possible, check the condition of the spare tyre, probably the most neglected component on a car.

The company stocks a full range of top quality and second line brands to suit all cars. Micheldever is also repeating a warning to motorists that many of the potholes on UK roads caused by the bad weather have not been repaired and drivers should be alert to the dangers of hitting damaged road surfaces.

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About Micheldever Tyre Services & Protyre

Micheldever Tyre Services (MTS) was founded in 1972 as a part-time venture providing car servicing and tyres. Today, the company is the largest independent wholesaler, distributor and retailer of tyres in the UK. Selling six million tyres in 2008/09 – 20 percent of the total UK market – annual turnover for 2009/10 is forecast to be over £283 million. In addition to offering MTS car, motorcycle and off-road tyres MTS also fits exhausts, brakes and shock absorbers.



MTS has two main business units:

- The Protyre retail chain, currently with 49 outlets including Protyre Motorsport, continues to gain geographic coverage in the UK through new acquisitions.
- MTS has established a wholesale distribution network of 12 sites around the UK supplying over 4,500 retailers nationwide. This activity has resulted in significant profitable growth for the company.

MTS is managed by a team headed by Paul Fox and Richard Sawney with backing from Graphite Capital and Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS).