

WARNING check your wheels !!!

Posted by Fazzio - 2012/06/29 13:50

Just came home, had the best day ever...

Just want to share my today's experience with you.

For Jap import wheels, Jdm , etc.

This could be obvious for some of you more experienced, but since I was suprised, some of you could be as well.

Went to the garage as for two weeks my back wheel was slowly losing air - top up fine, went to check front one - and after undoing lightly tightened cap I noticed white powder on tread on the vent, before I even touch it snapped of and shoot of like a bullet (never found 1/3 of part that snapped)

Thing your self - that was on it's way - it could as well snap at speed limit or two :), on pothole - you name it. the air was out in 3-4 sec - at high speed would be more than enough.

When you go to popular fast fitters, atlases etc. they always quote you tyre + change + balancing + vent ... but when they see Jap import wheel they continue without vent not even bothering to tell you.

After this happened story is simple, I checked remaining 3 wheels, the back one losing air trough crack in same vent (toy proxies fitted by pro 2 weeks ago !!!)
I loaded front wheel to missus corsa and went around entire north side and nobody would fix it.

Fast Fit santry - they wanted keys and make me wait an hour just to say - it can't be done.

Esso tyre centre - laughing in my face and walked away (and he missed this fitting new tyres two weeks back) - I heard - get a proper car !!!

Advanced Pit-stop Swords - friendly but can't do it.

4 different motor factors -2 never seen one, 2 know but don't have.

Halfords - an experienced worker treated me the way the do in Halfords and didn't bother even looking (offered me ricer style caps jessus...)

Finally I ordered ones online 6mm hole with 2 nuts like mine and going to Nick in Couture Auto - I may have to pay bit more - but enough of treating me like and alien.

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Anyway - it's overlooked by fast fitter style garages, it's metal or aluminium, small hole vent and can kill you so have a look, and get your self a new ones before next tyre change.

Now enjoy pictures and I will continue having good day now ..

thx mick

<http://img688.imageshack.us/img688/6923/dscf7221.jpg>

By fazolx1 at 2012-06-29

<http://img232.imageshack.us/img232/1361/dscf7226m.jpg>

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Re: WARNING check your wheels !!!

Posted by TurboD - 2012/06/29 16:15

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Sorry to hear about your trouble mate . But I have to say that is an excellent reply :laugh: :laugh: :laugh: I hope you continue to have a good day and here is a karma click to help your day improve . :yes:

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Re: WARNING check your wheels !!!

Posted by cozz90 - 2012/06/29 17:04

i hate people who drive bmws and think its the greatest car ever(ITS NOT ITS BORING AND LOOKS THE SAME AS EVERY OTHER NEW CAR!!!!!!!!!!!!) :damn: :damn:

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Re: WARNING check your wheels !!!

Posted by Sp1derBen - 2013/04/06 15:26

I have a similar issue where my tyres deflate slightly quicker than they ought to.

I spoke to a couple of chaps who came to do some wheel balancing and plug a puncture for me and they said that because the wheel hadn't been sprayed all over (they'd missed the bead area under the tyre) you get a reaction on the alloy, which causes aluminium oxide (the white powder).

This causes air to escape easier.

I have been told that to sort this, you just need to have the alloys' beads lacquered, which will avert the alu-oxide.

I used to have an e36 BMW before my Two and although I do still like them I much much prefer my Two.

It's a driver's car, the BM was just a comfy cruiser.

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Re: WARNING check your wheels !!!

Posted by Infamous - 2013/04/06 20:45

I would bet money that was damaged by the person who put your tyres on.
When I had my black turbo I had Watanabe split rims and the guy I had fit new tyres broke one of mine.
He was kind enough to source me another but nonetheless was a little rougher than I liked with my rims.
I just found another place for my rays split rims who handled them with a lot more care.

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Re: WARNING check your wheels !!!

Posted by Fazzio - 2013/04/06 21:20

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Re: WARNING check your wheels !!!

Posted by weeJohn - 2013/04/06 23:53

Heard that before, "they are Jap size valves, you wont get them here, have to buy them from Japan" all from the "top tyre" suppliers. Went to my local fitter, he had one look and said no bother.

The problem I had was the metal valve cap wrung a thread on the inside of it and wouldnt come off, I tried to cut it off with a Dremel and cut into the valve a little. No bother I thought until I went to check tyre pressures and the damage leaked more air than was going into the tyres.

I got all 4 changed by the local fitter that time, funny when I went back to the "true professionals" they didnt have a problem next time.

Dicks :laugh:

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Re: WARNING check your wheels !!!

Posted by Joey - 2013/06/04 12:49

Fazio wrote:

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Yeah the circle is supposed to be lined up with the valve, it marks the spot where the tyre was joined together. In theory this aids balancing, can't say as it made any difference to mine. Are you sure your wheels aren't slightly buckled? From your description it sounds like they haven't been balanced correctly.

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