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Part worn tyres: Some important facts

- More people than ever are buying part worn tyres, some 1.9 million part worn million tyres are estimated to have been purchased by UK motorists in the last year.¹
- 62% of motorists would consider buying part worn tyres.¹
- The growth in sales of part worn tyres comes at the same time as a four year peak in court convictions for driving on defective tyres.²



Consider the price - (195/65 R 15 T-rated car tyre)³

- Part worn tyres (any make) with 4mm remaining tread. Fitted cost £25 each. 2.4mm usable tread.
- New Michelin tyres fitted cost £71 each. 8mm new tread, so 6.4mm usable tread.

Therefore, assuming the same wear rate, you need 2.6 part worns for every new tyre (6.4mm/2.4mm). £25 x 2.6 = £65. Hence, over the life of the tyre, you only save £6! Not to mention the extra inconvenience that going to get tyres fitted more frequently causes.

Hardly a saving that makes the risks of a part worn tyre appealing.

Consider the facts

Are you safe?

Defective tyres can cost you 3 points on your licence per tyre. You could risk invalidating your insurance if you drive with defective tyres.

Will you stop in time?

Part worn tyres will not perform as well as new premium tyres in the wet. Do you really want to compromise your braking ability in wet weather?



What's its past?

By its very nature a part worn tyre has run on another vehicle, what's its past? Why was it removed? Was the car in an accident?

What's hidden?

Many damages can be hidden in the structure of the tyre, and may not be easily detectable. Is that hidden past worth the risk?

We know that money is tight in the economy, but what price can you put on your own safety? Is it really worth it? Don't simply think of costs, consider the long term value of a new premium tyre.

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1. Data from a September 2011 ICM survey on behalf of Kwik-Fit.

2. Data from TyreSafe®, published 11 October 2011 (tyresafe.org).

3. Figures assuming the tyre is removed at 1.6mm (the legal tread depth limit) for these calculations. Prices from major national retailer.