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5 Ways to Prep Your **Wheels & Tyres** for Summer Driving

(the essential summer road safety checklist)

01.
Keep Your Cool
Under Pressure

It’s hot out there and your tyres can feel it just as much as you.

When temperatures rise, so does your tyre pressure, especially on long drives. Before you hit the road, give them a quick check while the tyres are cold and make sure they’re sitting at the right pressure for your vehicle and load.

Want to make pressure monitoring more seamless? We can supply wheels with built-in TPMS sensors, giving you a complete, integrated solution for your fleet.

02.
Don’t Forget **Your Wheels**

It’s easy to focus on tyres and neglect what they’re sitting on.

Heat, heavy loads, potholes and kerbs can all take their toll on your wheels. Even tyre pressure plays a part: heat-induced overinflation can put uneven stress on the rim, potentially leading to cracking over time.

Look for cracks, bends, corrosion or any visible damage, and pay particular attention to areas around the rim and wheel fixings.

03.
Freshen Up Your Wheels

Keeping your wheels clean isn’t just about keeping the fleet looking sharp.

Brake dust, dirt and road grime can quickly turn your wheels into a magnet for muck, making it harder to spot cracks, corrosion or damaged fixings. And it’s not just about what you can see. Heavy build-up around the wheel can also affect brake performance.

A regular clean keeps the grime at bay and makes those all-important safety checks much easier. **Our ES3 wheels make it simple too**, thanks to their easy-clean finish. A little soapy water, a quick rinse and you’re good to go.

04. What's the **Damage?**

A tyre can look fine at a glance and still be hiding a problem.

Before you hit the road, give your tyres more than just a quick glance. Look out for cuts, cracks, bulges, exposed cords and any signs of uneven wear.

And don't forget the areas that are easy to miss. Check the sidewalls and shoulders as well as the tread, and on twin-wheel setups, make sure you inspect the inner tyre too.

05.
Torque It Up

Had a wheel off recently?
Don’t just fit it and forget it.

Wheel nuts can settle once the vehicle gets moving, so recheck the torque after fitting and make sure it matches the vehicle manufacturer’s specification.

DVSA guidance recommends checking torque again after the first journey following wheel removal or refitting - within 25–50 miles, or after 30 minutes if the vehicle remains stationary.

It’s a small job, but one that plays a big part in keeping your wheels secure.