



Civilian Armoured Vehicles - Tyres



Yes, it's that time of year. The weather is starting to cool off and the winter rains and snow are on the way. So now is a great time to look down and check the tyres on your armoured vehicle.

The fact is that the only thing connecting you and the road are the tyres on your vehicle. And if you are operating in high threat environment (as most you are), then the condition of your tyres is even more critical.

Like to the young child in the picture, you need to have tyres that are fit for purpose, best suited to your operating environment and in top condition. Too many times, we see our clients' vehicles with tyres that are worn, cut and not at the correct weight ratings. To be sure, this is a driving and safety hazard and should be addressed urgently. Yes, suitable tyres for armoured vehicles are more expensive than for normal passenger vehicles, but then again, most people are not driving in high risk areas in a vehicle of around 5 tonnes and with a high centre of gravity!

For those operating in very cold and snow conditions, it is certainly worth considering specific winter tyres. One of our

clients has specific summer and winter tyres and while it is costlier to keep two sets of tyres and have them in the service centre to be changed over, the ride, grip, performance and additional safety of using a winter tyre certainly outweighs the additional costs and efforts.

Bottom line is that it's all about the safety of the occupants. If that means inspecting, assessing and when necessary, buying new tyres, then our recommendation is to certainly not wait till it's too late.

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