

Safety Bulletin

A serious incident has taken place



Tyre blow out on Motorway

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Location: M27, J1-2

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Overview

Whilst travelling on the motorway at c.60mph, the rear driver's side tyre blew out causing the vehicle to veer towards the central reservation. The vehicle collided with the Armco. This collision caused the vehicle to then veer towards the hard shoulder where the driver managed to bring the vehicle to a halt.

Fortunately no other vehicles were involved and no serious injuries were sustained.

Initial findings are that:

- The tyre had a screw in the tread which had penetrated the casing
- The tyre wall looks to have been struck by an object which eventually led to its failure and blow out

Discussion Points

- Are you checking the side wall of tyres for damage and bulging? be aware that the tyre side wall is its weakest point
- How do you ensure that you have carried out a pre use vehicle check before driving the vehicle?
- What might prevent you from spotting similar defects and how might you overcome this?

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