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Tyres - fitting new - Tony Godfrey

Monty gets new shoes

I recently decided to fit two new tyres to Monty as the old ones were very poor. I ordered 2 x 3.50 x 19". From Blockley tyres, they were delivered to me within 2 days.. (brilliant service and very fair price)



- I know most A7 owners will be experts at changing tyres but here was my procedure.... Deflate tyre/tube completely.
- Separate tyre bead from rim by stepping on side wall.
- Use large tyre levers and lift tyre from VALVE SIDE OF RIM, work your way around rim until this side is fully off.
- Push valve out and remove tube.
- Lever tyre off remaining rim.



- Clean wheel, smear with soap or hand gel then fit first side of tyre bead.
 - Check inner tube for leaks using a bowl of water.
 - Insert deflated tube with valve properly located in rim.
 - INFLATE TUBE SLIGHTLY (this will avoid “nipping” when easing on final tyre bead) Lubricate tyre bead with soap or hand gel.
 - Start easing on last side tyre bead OPPOSITE SIDE TO VALVE FIRST, being VERY careful to avoid “nipping” inner tube.
 - The last bit will be very tight so make sure the opposite side to valve bead is pressed well down (with knee) into centre of wheel rim.
 - Damage to paint on wheel rim may occur so keep your paint handy.
 - It took me about 2 hours of “pottering” to fit the 2 tyres.
 - I inflated tyres to 35psi to make sure all was lined up around rim then reset to correct pressures.
- All done and ready for the road. I used this exact procedure for repairing and fitting tyres to my series 2 Land Rover which was MUCH more difficult.
- After a short road run I was amazed how much better Monty felt and performed.
- Happy motoring guys and girls.