

## NTDA launches Responsible Tyre Repair Technician licence

Following the successful launch of its Responsible Repairer Group in March, the NTDA is now introducing a new licence for tyre technicians who have been trained and assessed as competent in the repair of tyres to BS159g.



The licence will be incorporated into the Association's Tyre Technician Professional Development Scheme (TTPDS) alongside the highly successful REACT, Commercial Tyre Technician and Retail Tyre Technician licences. More than 9,000 tyre technicians now hold an NTDA licence under the TTPDS with, on average, 1000 new technicians being trained and assessed every year across the Association's approved training provider network.

NTDA Chief Executive Stefan Hay commented: "As I said in my conference speech this year, and as was clearly demonstrated at COP26 summit in Glasgow, concerns over the environment now, rightly, dominate daily public opinion, the media and the UK Government agenda. We must rapidly move towards a more 'Green' and circular economy where we keep resources in use as long as possible, extract maximum value from them, minimise waste and in so doing, reduce the UK's carbon footprint. Having well trained, competent and licensed tyre repair technicians in our sector, who can professionally and competently repair products, ensuring they remain safe and in use for longer and in the case of commercial and OTR tyres possibly go on to be re-treaded, thus enjoying a second or a third life, represents an extremely important factor in improving resource efficiency and sustainability and at the same time expands the tyre trade's depleted skills base."

The NTDA's Responsible Repairer Group membership has grown steadily during the year and now includes Fix 'N' Fit Tyres Ltd, Jade Tyres LLP, Midland Tyre Control Ltd, MML Tyre Repairs Ltd, Soltyre Ltd, TRS Tyres Ltd, TS Tyre Repairs Ltd, Tyrep Ltd, Vale Tyre Services Ltd and supplier Rema Tip Top Automotive UK Ltd, which has become the first company to join the approved training provider network specifically to deliver tyre repair training in support of the new licence.

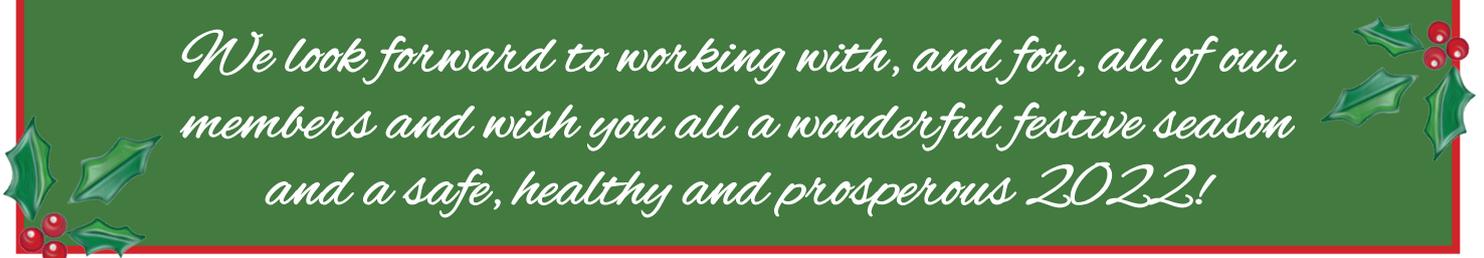
Stuart John of Rema Tip Top said: "We are delighted to support the NTDA Responsible Tyre Repair Technician licence. Tyre repair and the consequences of poorly repaired tyres be it minor, or major repairs, can have a devastating effect on individuals and businesses alike. That's why Rema Tip Top enforces the importance of training within our industry. Never to be underestimated, it ensures Health and Safety compliance for companies and allows employers to invest in staff, maximising their potential and development within the business. For individuals, training equips them with the necessary knowledge base to carry out their duties effectively in a structured manor and boost job satisfaction which contributes to staff retention, so it's clear that an investment in employee training is vital for any company looking to succeed."

The NTDA is eager to attract further companies into both the Responsible Repairer Group and the approved training provider scheme and tyre repair technicians will only be able to apply for a licence if they hold proof of training and assessment, (certification), from such a training provider.

Stefan Hay concluded: "When it comes to the environment, skills development and the profitability of our trade, there can be no competition. We must, for the collective good, whether as tyre manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, repairers, re-treaders, re-processors, training providers, or aftermarket suppliers such as Rema Tip Top come together and ensure our trade not only survives, but thrives for future generations."

**For further information on the NTDA licensing schemes contact the team on T: 01296 482128 or E: [info@ntda.co.uk](mailto:info@ntda.co.uk)**

*We look forward to working with, and for, all of our members and wish you all a wonderful festive season and a safe, healthy and prosperous 2022!*



## NTDA Raising Awareness of Prostate Cancer

**The NTDA is joining forces with Prostate Cancer UK to raise awareness of the disease.** In the UK, circa 1 in 8 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. Exactly what causes this cancer is still unknown, but there are some things that may mean men are more likely to get it, these are called risk factors.

There are three main risk factors for getting prostate cancer, which are things men sadly can't change. These are:

- Getting older – it mainly affects men aged 50 or over;
- Having a family history of prostate cancer;
- Being black.



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So prostate cancer mainly affects men over 50, and the risk increases as they get older. The most common age for men to be diagnosed with prostate cancer is between 65 and 69 years. If under 50, the risk of being diagnosed with prostate cancer is very low, but it is possible. Men over 50 who are worried about the risk of prostate cancer, might want to ask their GP about tests. Men over 45 who have a higher risk of prostate cancer because of a family history of it and black men, might want to talk to a GP too. Prostate cancer in males is the second most common cause of cancer death, but when diagnosed at its earliest stage, all (100%) of people with prostate cancer will survive their disease for five years or more, compared with around 1 in 2 (49%) people when the disease is diagnosed at the latest stage.

Like many manual-based technical trades, the UK tyre trade is still very much dominated by men and as recent skills shortages have shown, has an ageing workforce with many men falling into the aforementioned 50+ at risk category. Stefan Hay said: "In the week leading up to my meeting with the Prostate Cancer UK team, I coincidentally found myself speaking to two colleagues from the trade, both of whom had been successfully treated for prostate cancer, and was then told that a family friend was also suffering. During my meeting with the charity, I was then shown case studies that also featured colleagues from our trade, two of whom I know personally. This really drew my attention to the magnitude of the issue and truly inspired me to work with the charity to raise awareness across the trade and promote the health and well-being of our people."

The NTDA will be highlighting the work of Prostate Cancer UK in the 2022 UK Tyre & Automotive Directory, disseminating regular information to all of its member companies and inviting the charity to get involved with a number of its events such as the Tyre Industry Golf Day on 5th July and the Tyre Industry Conference and Annual Dinner on 6th October.

If you are concerned about prostate cancer or prostate problems visit: <https://prostatecanceruk.org>

Prostate Cancer UK provides a range of information and support so you can choose the services that work for you.

All of its services are open to men, their families and their friends.

## NTDA welcomes new members

**It's been an exceptionally busy year of recruitment for the Association and in addition to those 32 companies welcomed at various stages earlier in the year, we would now like to welcome the following members who have joined since May:**

Tyrepl Ltd in Corby, Halfords Auto Centres, RRW Ltd T/A First Stop Weston-Super-Mare, Grip Tyre Bicester Ltd, The Pitstop (Colchester) Ltd, Cramlington Tyres & Repairs Ltd, Surbiton Tyre & Wheel, A & A Tyre Care Ltd in Thurrock, MML Tyre Repairs Ltd in Rhiwas, Crest Tyre Company Ltd in Bradford, Liam Evans Tyres Ltd in Shawbury, Air 'N' Tyres Ltd T/A Glasgow Mobile Tyres, Marangoni Retread Systems Deutschland GMBH, Hickleys Ltd in Taunton, Autocare Services (NS) Ltd in North Shields, Teesside Tyrepower Ltd in Stockton on Tees, Wheelbase (GB) Ltd in Oldham, Mr Tyreman UK Ltd in Oldbury, Stewartry Tyres (Newton Stewart) Limited, Extreme Tyres Limited in Worthing, In Town Automotive Ltd in Northampton, Auto Easy Network Ltd T/A Binley Woods Service Centre in Coventry, Mike Stokes Ltd T/A Freeman's Tyres in Bournemouth, Kam Servicing Ltd in Nottingham and West End Garage Hexham Ltd.