



## Testing for Aftermarket Wheels

**DriveRight were recently forwarded and accepted as a member of the SEMA Wheel and Tire Council.**

The Wheel & Tire Council plays a significant role in addressing the issues confronting the wheel and tyre industry and DriveRight are pleased to be actively involved.

DriveRight's Technical Director, Duncan Hadley attended the recent inaugural conference in California in February of this year.

### **Identifying three main areas of testing**

Of significance was the support from the membership for the continued development of the industry testing practice for aftermarket wheels, formally adopted as the SAE J2530 (Aftermarket Wheels Performance Requirements and Testing Procedures).

The document identifies three main areas of testing including cornering, radial fatigue and impact strength.

### **Protection from rogue imports that may not currently conform to any standard**

The objective of the council is to encourage manufacturers to adopt its recommended guidelines and at the recent conference was a topical item discussed amongst the membership.

Duncan recaps "The intention of the policy is to align global standards of wheel testing, in particular bringing the elements of the European and TUV standards closer in line with the more stringent US standards; for example the load rating of 640lb European compared to 1000lb in the US is a vast difference. Other things include lobbying for wheels to be branded with place of manufacture and ensuring manufacturers conform to these specifications.

### **Able to contribute with expertise**

This will give the industry a degree of protection from rogue imports that may not currently conform to any standard.

"The success of the WTC depend on

industry wide support.

DriveRight is pleased to be able to contribute with expertise that we have accumulated within the wheel and tyre industry.

It's vital that the industry has advocates for sensible legislation and we see this, along with the advisory and consultancy services that the WTC offer, as tangible benefits of membership"

### **Additions to TyreFit Database**

The TyreFit database is continually updated with new models added on a monthly basis.

The number of individual chassis fitments has now grown to over 31,500. Aside from adding new models, TyreFit also refine existing entries with additional model variants and upstep information.

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