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### **Correct Tyre Repairs**

BABush Tyres, leading tyre supplier to Woldmarsh are concerned over the safety and manner of some puncture repairs on farm vehicles – in particular “Plug or String” repairs. Below are three of our main tyre suppliers views on these *temporary* repairs...

**Michelin** Gordon Brookes - Michelin Agriculture’s Technical Manager,

“We frequently see people using plug or string repairs to fill a hole as a long-term fix – not as temporary solutions these methods are intended for. String and plug repairs should only be used as a temporary solution to enable a vehicle that does not have a spare tyre to travel a short distance to a service provider for a professional repair.

“These types of temporary repairs allow air and moisture to infiltrate the structure of the tyre, so if used for more than a short period of time, they can cause irrevocable damage **which can invalidate manufacturer warranties.** [\[The attached Picture demonstrates this facet\]](#)”

“The safest and most efficient way to repair a tyre is to get it to a professional service provider as soon as possible, such as a Michelin Exelagri accredited centres.

**Trelleborg** Neil Sharman, Technical & Field Support Manager for Trelleborg Wheel Systems

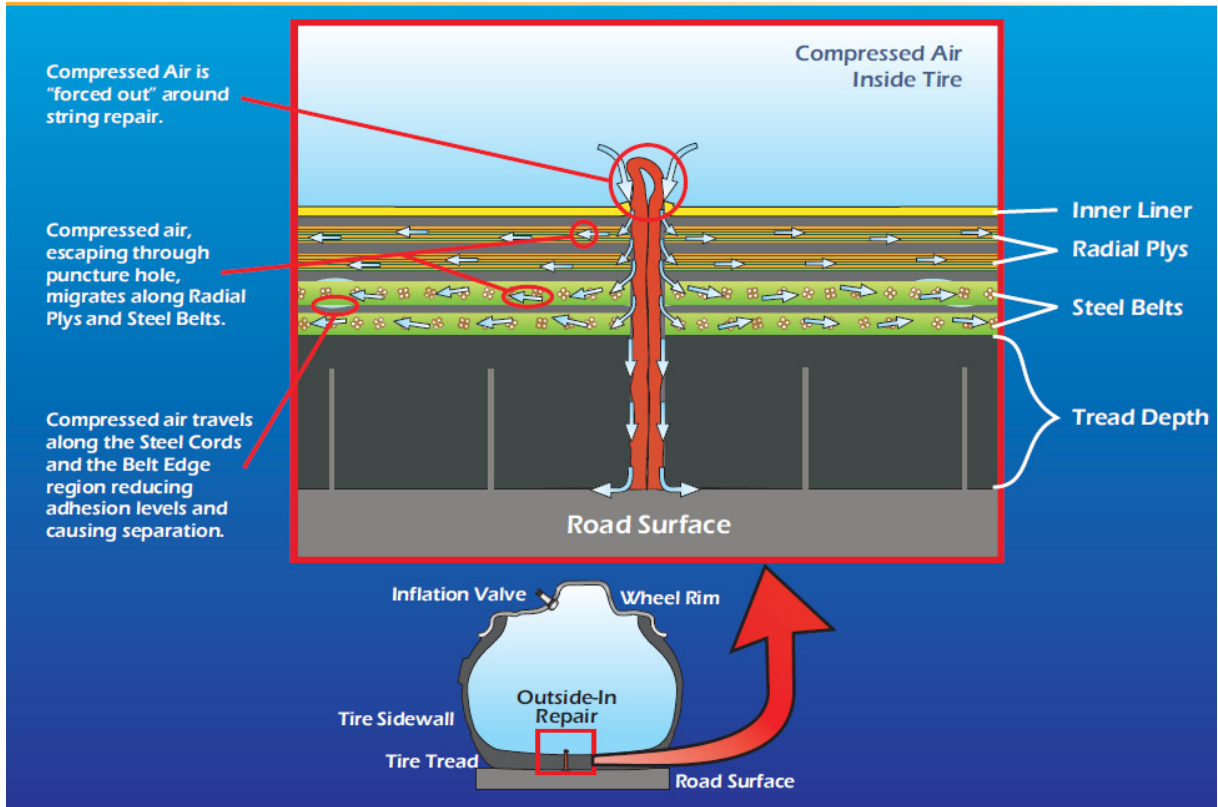
“Any external tyre repair that is carried out without removing the tyre must be a short term emergency repair only. The tyre should always be removed and examined for any internal damage before the correct repair is carried out by an authorised repairer. Non standard repairs will affect the tyres warranty”.

**Bridgestone & Firestone** Gary Powell, Technical Manager – Northern Region

- It is very important that the work of repairing a tyre is entrusted only to competent companies that accept total responsibility for the repair.
- Such companies should only repair tyres after careful examination to decide whether or not a repair is possible.
- All repairs should be completed in line with **BSAU 159g standard ('g' includes new standards for AG tyres)**. It should be noted that this British Standard does not apply to temporary seals, i.e. externally inserted plugs / string repairs.
- Externally inserted plugs and string repairs are only a “temporary seal” and therefore a speed restriction applies **(20 MPH maximum)**.
- Temporary seals should only be used for a limited period with care, until a full repair can be effected (i.e. to extricate a vehicle from a field environment, so that a full repair can be completed at the nearest safe location).
- Tyre product failures caused by a repair are not covered by Bridgestone/Firestone Warranty Process.



## Improper Outside-In String Repair



BABush Tyres, who are the leading Tyre supplier to Woldmarsh only carry out **Correct** Puncture repairs on farm and commercial tyres, and with ISO9001.2011 accreditation at all 20 locations Woldmarsh members can ensure they have all their service work done, professionally and safely.

BABush Tyres cover the Lincolnshire, Humberside, Yorkshire and Norfolk area with over 65 service vehicles ensuring the best service for Fleets & Farmers - with advanced satellite navigation on all service vehicles, the service speed and efficiency is second to none.

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