

PRESS RELEASE

Remarkable benefits for the environment and for budgets of freight companies

2011 witnesses an increase in manufacture of retreaded tyres

Freight and public transportation companies are becoming more and more interested in the production of retreaded tyres. Many years ago retreaded tyres were widely used for automobiles too, but a mentality less focused on economising caused a gradual reduction of purchases of retreaded tyres manufactured for automobiles.

Production in Italy of retreaded tyres for buses and for freight vehicles

(number of pcs manufactured)

	2011	2010	Var. %
Light transport	172,172	154,000	11.8
Trucks & buses	624,246	623,000	0.2
TOTAL	796,418	777,000	2.5

Source: Airp

This phenomenon of aversion towards an economic and eco-friendly solution such as the retreaded tyre has never concerned commercial vehicles, trucks/lorries and buses which have always continued to make significant use of reconstructed tyres. The Italian Tyre Retreaders Association (Airp) assessed an 11.8% increase in the use of retreaded tyres in the light

freight industry in 2011 while the heavy freight industry, which currently accounts for a good portion of the purchases of retreaded tyres as spares, has consolidated its position on levels reached in 2010.

The use of retreaded tyres allows considerable savings in purchasing tyres and offers enormous advantages in the preservation of our environment. Retreading grants a second and, as far as heavy vehicles are concerned, often even further "lives" to tyres, thereby curtailing the need to dispose of the same in the long run. As a matter of fact, at the end of the various life cycles of the retreaded tyre, there will be only one single carcass to dispose of; while the use of brand new tyres each and every time instead involves the generation of many more carcasses to be disposed of, along with an increase in the use of raw materials.

On the other hand, following the commitment of producing reconstructed tyres respecting ECE ONU 108 and 109 standards, retreaded tyres offer the exact same features of reliability and security that brand new tyres do. Moreover, as stated above, the use of retreaded tyres also offers the opportunity of great savings, which are very much appreciated in these times when freight transporters are forced to go to great lengths to balance their afflicted budgets, already struggling due to the high increases in the cost of fuel.

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