Repairing Costly Heavy Equipment Tires

Public works equipment serves communities year-round, clearing snow in winter and supporting construction, road and drainage work once the warm weather returns. When a large tire has moderate to severe damage, the first instinct is to replace it, often at a great expense to the municipality.

A Specialized Service Worth Knowing

Conventional tire repairs can treat light damage such as punctures. Moderate to severe damage on the sidewall, tread face or shoulder, may require tire section repair: a specialized option that's often overlooked simply because it's less familiar than a standard patch.

That gap in awareness has real budget implications. Tires for graders, loaders and other heavy equipment are significant purchases, and when section repair is viable, it preserves much of that investment for a fraction of replacement cost.

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Unlocking that value depends on knowing when tire section repair is appropriate and having the skills and capacity to do the work properly. For 70 years, West End Tire has served as a go-to for local commercial and retail tire expertise. Today, the family-owned company completes this specialized work at its new 45,000-square-foot Winnipeg facility.

"Every damaged tire needs to be assessed on its own," says Mark Brandt, Production Manager at West End Tire. "We determine if a section repair is a viable option and provide a quote to the municipality, so they can make a sound decision for their equipment and budget."

Done well, a section repair restores the casing to return the tire to service. Once the tread wears down, that casing may still be a candidate for retreading, a second chance to recover value from the original investment.



Beating the Logistics Hurdle

Getting a large commercial or off-road tire to be assessed and repaired is its own logistical hurdle for rural municipalities. West End Tire removes that barrier, working with an extensive dealer network to arrange transportation from communities across Manitoba to its Winnipeg repair facility. This allows municipal teams to get an assessment without tying up staff or a vehicle for the trip, or incur expensive shipping costs.

More Value. Less Waste.

With fall here, it's a natural time to check tires that have been damaged or set aside before snow season begins. Repairable tires can return to service or be kept as spares for winter operations. The same approach has value year-round when grading, ditch work and drainage maintenance put heavy equipment tires under strain.

Before You Replace a Damaged Tire

Ask West End Tire if section repair is the right move. Recover more value from the tires your municipality already owns and leave the transport to us.

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