| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 24-0810  Responded to: 17 April 2024 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:**

**• The number of fines issued to drivers due to illegal tyres up to the last five calendar years**

**• The number of fines issued to drivers due to bald tyres up to the last five calendar years**

**Or**

**• The overall number of fines issued to drivers due to tyres up to the last five calendar year**

The retention period for Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty Notices is 3 years plus the current year.

The data below is for the period January 2021 to 20 March 2024.

As data for the period prior is no longer held by Police Scotland, section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

These figures are in relation to Conditional Offer of Fixed Penalty Notices (COFPNs) only and all relate to the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986.

| **Details** | **Regulation** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **2024** |
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| Tyre - unsuitable type/ use | 27(1)(a) | 1 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| Tyre - over/ under inflated | 27(1)(b) | 8 | 10 | 14 | 4 |
| Tyre - cut in fabric | 27(1)(c) | 1 | 5 | 8 | 3 |
| Tyre - lump/ bulge/ tear | 27(1)(d) | 14 | 28 | 47 | 7 |
| Tyre - ply/ cord exposed / Tyre - grooves less than 1.6mm (cars/ light goods) | 27(1)(e)/  27(4)(f) | 627 | 576 | 766 | 154 |
| Tyre - base of groove not visible (others) | 27(1)(f) | 10 | 7 | 16 | 7 |
| Tyre - grooves less than 1mm (others) | 27(1)(g) | 3 | 7 | 2 | 1 |
| Tyre - different structures on same axle | 26(1) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Tyre - different structures on different axles | 26(2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tyre - insufficient to support axle weight | 25(5) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|  | **Total** | **665** | **638** | **861** | **179** |

It should be noted that tyre defects can also be dealt with under the Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme (VDRS).

There is no ‘fine’ associated, but it is a legal requirement to correct the defect, or the individual will be reported to the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS).

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.