

Tyre-iffic testing at Morgan Park

MICHAEL Hohl changes 20 sets of tyres a day while his colleague sits in air-conditioned comfort.

Mr Hohl and Peter Horvath, from *Choice*, travelled from Sydney to test 18 brands of tyres at Morgan Park on Monday.

Because Mr Horvath, the designated driver, tests the brands "blind" in order to stop bias, Mr Hohl has to change all the tyres for him.

"He sits in air-conditioned comfort and listens to classical music," Mr Hohl joked.

Mr Hohl said the tyres were tested for braking and cornering ability in both dry and wet conditions.

The pair will be in Warwick for up to two weeks to determine which is the best tyre in terms of safety in emergency situations.

"As far as we know we are the only magazine testing consumer tyre brands, not top-end, for things like braking and cornering," Mr Hohl said.

"Our magazine and internet site relies only on subscribers, we have no advertising, so we can give the consumer unbiased buying advice."

Mr Hohl said Morgan Park was a popular testing site because it was cheaper than hiring a similar course in Sydney.

Other items the pair has tested



Tight corner: Peter Horvath puts tyres through their paces.



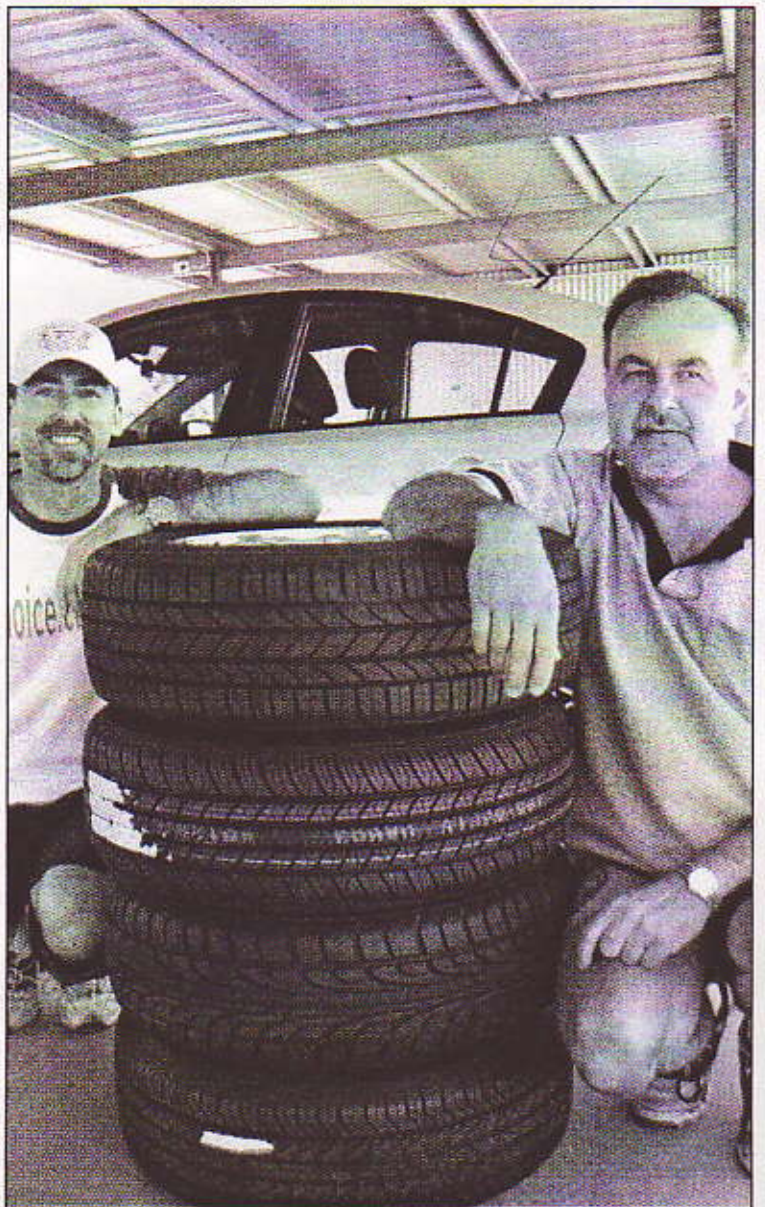
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recently have included vacuum cleaners, including the robotic version, and coffee grinders.

"It beats sitting in an office," Mr Horvath laughed.

The results of the tyre tests will be available online from June or in the August issue.



Test drivers: Michael Hohl (left) and Peter Horvath with consumer brand tyres they are testing at Morgan Park.