

**MEMORANDUM TO  
POCL 553**

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**Wheel Mounted Disc Brakes - Cracked Wheels**

Owners and Repairers attention is drawn to the possibility that disc braked wheels may suffer cracking, originating from disc bolt holes and running through the web into the wheel hub.

The disc braked wheel of both wheelsets, fitted to a 51T GLW wagon, have been found with cracks through the web and hub. These cracks had propagated from disc bolt holes which had NOT been chamfered. POCL 553 Section 6 refers. The wheels were dated 8/73 and 11/73 with "Taylor Brothers" markings, but no other form of identification.

Owners are requested to ensure that their inspection regime at Trip, P.P.M. and V.I.B.T. includes checking for such cracks, and Repairers are requested to be especially vigilant in the inspection of wheel webs and hubs: particularly wheels made by Taylor Bros. around the above dates.

Yours faithfully,

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I acknowledge receipt of Memorandum to POCL 553 dated 20 June 1996, and will arrange for its implementation so far as I am concerned.

Signed.....

Date.....