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Tyre (Tire) Recycling in the European Union

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ETRA is the European Tyre Recycling Association. Founded in 1994 by European tyre recyclers, it has become a strong voice for the tyre recycling industry, ETRA maintains annual data on tyre arisings and collection systems, as well as on the treatments and the use of recycled tyre materials within the EU. An annual report is prepared with indications of current and future trend in material use.

Within the EU alone, tyre recycling has grown from 5% to almost 35% of arisings. Recycled tyre materials are seen as a valuable resource that can reduce reliance on virgin materials. They are used by over fifty different industries in both the public and private sectors for construction, roads, road furniture, environmental rehabilitation, erosion control, sports surfaces, children's play grounds, vibration mats, animal mattresses, solid wheels – among many others.

The benefits of recycled tyre materials include their high technical performance as well as their cost-effectiveness in comparison to more traditional products. The future is bright – with many new material, applications and products entering the mainstream.