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Posted by: Maverick  
Date: 12-07-2010 14:31:25

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Sorry I digress.

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Well I've stripped off the damaged sections (flexipipe, silencer, rear pipe), and she does sound really fruity, almost as good as a Lexsurf (I did say almost). Just need to sort out replacements (Stormys looking tomorrow) and get her back to the tester (tempted to nip round my sisters and nick her exhaust system, does the 3litre fit the 2.4?).

Good job my tyre bloke finished fixing the front wheel for the Mondeo today. Twat'd a rock coming home from work last wednesday, the Surf would have sent the rock crying away. The Mondeo had me crying and cursing because it only has a space saver as a spare which you can't put on the front axle as it send the traction control in a tizzy, so it was back wheel off and space saver on, change jacking positions, damaged front wheel off and back wheel on in it's place. All done with a factory jack which was a bloody pain.

Posted by: gwh200  
Date: 12-07-2010 15:54:51

I've been blowing up hummers if that helps guv! :D

Posted by: That\_Ruddy\_Squirrel  
Date: 12-07-2010 16:10:59

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Sorry to hear about the exhaust Mav

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I probably will do that, as there is room for a full size spare, it's just someone being a tight arse at manufacturing, I honestly think the person who thought up space savers should be taken out and shot. The furthest I went with it on was 2 miles, and the car felt awfull.

Posted by: That\_Ruddy\_Squirrel  
Date: 12-07-2010 16:40:46

Barring disasters I won't touch a bloody space saver, I'd rather rip my leg off and batter meself with the wet end !

I got lucky getting a full size spare, my Panda is on steel wheels, I grabbed a full sized spare with less that 500 miles worth of wear from a guy who upgraded to alloys - £32 including postage.

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Posted by: Predictable Bob  
Date: 12-07-2010 18:08:12

:whistle:

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Posted by: Albannach  
Date: 12-07-2010 19:03:18

<http://www.goldenrodwelding.ca/images>

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Date: 12-07-2010 19:03:20

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I would HATE to see a surf on spacesavers, they should be saved for Izuzus :whistle:

Posted by: Maverick  
Date: 12-07-2010 21:16:35

 Albannach wrote:

<http://www.goldenrodwelding.ca/images/DSC00006.JPG>

I am not doing that to my surf. Hell after seven years of abuse by me (well I say abuse but I tend to fix anything that is starting to break long before it actually thinks of breaking, the exhaust just caught me out), and she only fails because of a little thing like an exhaust taking a rest on his garage floor.

Posted by: Albannach  
Date: 12-07-2010 21:45:25

You could have argued that, as the exhaust was no longer attached to the truck, it's not part of the vehicle and therefore not testable?