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## **WHEELY-SAFE TECHNOLOGY GETS A-STAR APPROVAL**

A-Star Transport has already saved itself a potentially costly breakdown since protecting its fleet of coaches and buses with Wheely-Safe's latest generation technology.

The Telford-based operator has fitted Wheely-Safe's wheel loss and tyre pressure monitoring system (TPMS) to its vehicles, having been impressed with the simplicity and cost-effectiveness of the product.

Mike Wear, Owner of A-Star Transport, says: "We had been looking for a suitable TPMS but a lot of the ones we found included a monthly subscription. The fact that we could pay a one-off price for the Wheely-Safe kit and then it was ours, appealed to us, especially after the challenges of the last few years, with Covid and the impact that had on the business.

"The additional benefits of the wheel loss and hub overheating alerts built into the technology were another tick in the box. It's a complete package that allows us to always be confident in the health of our wheels and tyres.

"We have already had one slow puncture that was flagged up to the driver, and which we were able to act on quickly, to save ourselves from a more serious problem."

A-Star Transport has opted for Wheely-Safe's external TPMS sensors, which replace the valve cap and auto-pair with an in-cab solar receiver. These are fitted alongside a pair of wheel loss sensors on each wheel.

The business' own in-house mechanics fitted the systems, following a demonstration from a Wheely-Safe technician.

“As a public transport operator, we place the safety of our customers and other road users above everything else; this is a fantastic product to help us ensure we maintain our fleet to the highest standards,” says Mike.

“We’ve got the systems working on all our operational vehicles, from the smaller 16-seater Mercedes-Benz Sprinter minibuses, up to the 55-seater twin-axle Caetano coaches. It’s simple to install, and I even have the TPMS product running on my car as well, ensuring I’m always driving on tyres inflated to the optimal pressures.”

Established just over a decade ago, A-Star Transport is a family run business that offers an extensive range of private hire and contracted transport. It provides transport solutions for local schools, sports clubs, nights out, day trips, weekend trips, airport transfers, corporate travel and sporting events.

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**Notes to editor:**

Wheely-Safe Ltd is a technology start-up founded in 2010 by two lifelong friends – Gary Thomas, a Director of his own transport compliance consultancy, and Gary Broadfield, a Director of Technology and serial inventor for a large Japanese electronics manufacturer. Together they brought the marriage of skills required to help solve wheel loss issues in the automotive sector, and to tackle the huge number of vehicles driving every day on under-inflated tyres. The early years of Wheely-Safe concentrated on attaining worldwide patent protection and technology small enough to fit near the wheels of all vehicle types, from cars and vans to trucks and trailers – with its first products launched into the market during 2018. [www.wheely-safe.com](http://www.wheely-safe.com)

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