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Z-Tyres' Limited Edition Gold-Plated Tyres It's no joke. Somewhere out there, gold-plated tyres really do exist. They were made by Dubai-based Z-tyres and were auctioned off for charity, raising around \$195,000 AUD per tyre. The sidewalls of the tyres are picked out in gold leaf with a diamond-encrusted "Z" representing the brand. Who bought the tyres and whether they'll ever be used on the road, remains a mystery. "It's crazy," says Chris, "but at least the money went to a good cause."

Letourneau L-2350 Front-loader Tyres If someone is a fan of huge yellow machines that get down and dirty doing big jobs, they're almost sure to fall in love with the biggest earth-mover out there. Needless to say, the tyres are equally heavy-duty: they're over 4 metres tall. This 260-tonner is used in surface mining, and replacing just one tyre costs in the region of \$82,000 AUD.

Caterpillar 797 Dump Truck Tyres Muscle machines are still dominating the rankings for the most expensive tyres in the world, and Caterpillar Dump truck tyres are up there with the costliest. Needless to say, this is a big Cat: the largest dump truck out there, and a sheer monster that would dwarf a regular quarry runabout. On the off-chance that someone owns one, they can expect to dig deep for those tyres: it'll cost about \$44K AUD to replace a single one.

Bugatti Veyron Tyres Described by enthusiasts as the "greatest car ever made" there's nothing cheap about the Veyron. Then again, for those willing to fork out the \$2.7m AUD it'll cost to own one, they won't be too fussy about the tyre price. That's a good thing, because they probably won't get away with paying less than \$52K AUD to replace a tyre. To put this in perspective, let's see what's next on our list.

Space Shuttle Tyres For those who have been buying tyres for a Veyron, a space shuttle tyre might look like a bargain at just about \$7K AUD. But these masterpieces by Michelin have to take quite a punch. The rear tyres are only good for one landing, and the front ones must be replaced after two landings. All things considered, they're probably better off with a Veyron!

If Tyres Seem Expensive, Check out Branigans By this time, there might be a feeling of relief for those who drive a mundane Mazda or a straightforward Toyota, but if they're feeling the pain of buying tyres, it's time to shop around. Branigans Burleigh Heads, and its branch at Southport, offer budget-friendly prices and even a subscription service that allows vehicle owners to pay off their tyres in advance the easy way.

Meanwhile Chris has decided that he won't start working on a subscription service for space shuttle tyres just yet. "I don't think the market is altogether ready for that," he says with a grin.

For further information, visit or call Chris and his team at Second Hand Tyres Gold Coast | Branigans Budget Tyres by contacting the Service Centres in Burleigh Heads (07) 5535 2660 or Southport (07) 5591 8633.

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