KL71 Tyres prove the point!

Let me introduce my self, my name is Rick, I have been off road racing and four wheel driving for.. ...well ever since the government gave me a licence. I am currently the national champ in the Sport Truck class of Off Road Racing and have numerous other trophies for different events.

At the start of this year I decided to up grade my racing truck to a 1995 Jeep Cherokee XJ that I had with some damage in the front. After a lot of work to prepare the truck, we finally made it to the track for the Mainland Challenge enduro. Being the first time that I have driven the Jeep I didn't know what to expect, so in the prologue (a short timed sprint to determine the fastest of the front of the start) I took it easy, there was plenty of time for thrashing it later. As the flag fell I said to Keith (my good friend who is a jeep nut, and helped build the truck) "if we stop you are pushing" he laughed, I don't think that he realized that I was serious. As the **Kumho KL71** tyres dug in and propelled us forward I had to brake, as the truck in front wasn't able to accelerate anywhere near as quickly and we weren't allowed to pass him until we had passed the start flag.

Flying across the paddock at warp 9 passing buggies that normally pass us was bloody awesome, Keith told me to slow down and get used to the truck as this was a two day event and the 4am finish the night before was too much work to brake it in the first 5 minutes. The amount of grip amazed me and the power was sooo much fun, set the truck up into a slide, line up the gate, jump on the gas and hold on as you are propelled forward through the gate with pin point accuracy, I didn't want this to end.

We finished the day after a few teething problems and went into the next day on 1st equal points with Darren from Nelson.

The next morning at the Canterbury Off Road Club Track we lined up to do the first of three heats right beside Darren my archrival on the track but friend off.
The flag fell, the accelerator went to the floor and we were off in a furry of mud slinging, getting to the corner first wasn't a' problem as the grip and grunt were both on my side, but the Thunder Truck that should have left us for dead was now holding us up, never experienced this sort of problem before. **These KL71 tvres are amazing.** On the front straight a new table top jump has been erected new to every one, we hit it at full noise, (it is amazing how when you are flying through the air towards space how long time takes)"No bloody way we are not doing that again today" the truck came back to earth with a thump, followed by another and another, I think we will slow down next time! Two more heats that day with a lot of action from the other classes to be watched between heats. Never did manage to catch the Thunder Trucks but won every heat in our class and drove it back on to the trailer in one piece, how good is that??
The end result was that we won the day in a new truck over two days, a hard achievement at the best of times, and to top it off we also won The South Island Series in Sports Trucks for the year. What a great weekend now back to the shed for some minor mods and a paint job.

Cheers Rick Crosbie