

If there is one thing worse than getting stuck in the sand, it's having a flat tire in the desert!



It's hot, and sand gets everywhere including your eyes, nose and even ears – and if you've been there you know what I'm talking about!

And it's a waste of time for everyone - parked in the sun waiting for you to get the spare on.

Plus, changing a tire in the sand dunes is not that easy, either!





The jack won't work on the soft stuff, and it's dangerous if on an angle.

So, you need a wide base for your jack (normally a piece of plywood), and you probably need to take half your gear out of the vehicle to get your spare and tools out, then you fight with the flat removal and spare installation...

 $\dots$  and then you have no more spare – what happens if another desert thorn punctures a tire?

Flat tires are just bad news in the desert at any time of day, or night.





So, we went looking for a solution, and we found Ride-On.

Before I go on, please view this detailed video review:

A quick Google search shows that flat tires in the desert are quite common, and the photos portray a silent sense of despair regardless of the vehicle: (following 7 photos found on the web)



























weekenduae figures that whatever we can do to minimize, or, even better, prevent a flat is very much a positive move.

And so we researched Ride-On, and we found it to be a very well supported product with a solid reputation on open forums of overlanders, off-roaders, and motorcyclists.

As I installed new tires, I squirted in the correct amount of Ride-On and with this simple and inexpensive sealant in my tires, I feel confident that the chances of getting a flat have been reduced.

This is what it looks like inside:









And this is what the bottles look like – it works with all kinds of tires, from bicycles to heavy-duty trucks, and, bonus, it even keeps the tire balanced as you drive!





I will report back on this page as my journey with Ride-On progresses.

Ride-On can be bought here online, plus a recent deal has been struck with a UAE distributor, Dar Al Maha Trading.

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