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Right rear wheel failed, radial cracking;

Wheel had been installed in place for approximately 8 months and 9,000 miles;

Traveling approximately 65 mph when failure occurred;

No impact experienced with wheel before failure (e.g., potholes, curbs);

Pieces of rim flew off behind, could have contacted following traffic, luckily there was none;

Dent in RR shock caused from wheel shrapnel

Vehicle 2003 BMW 745





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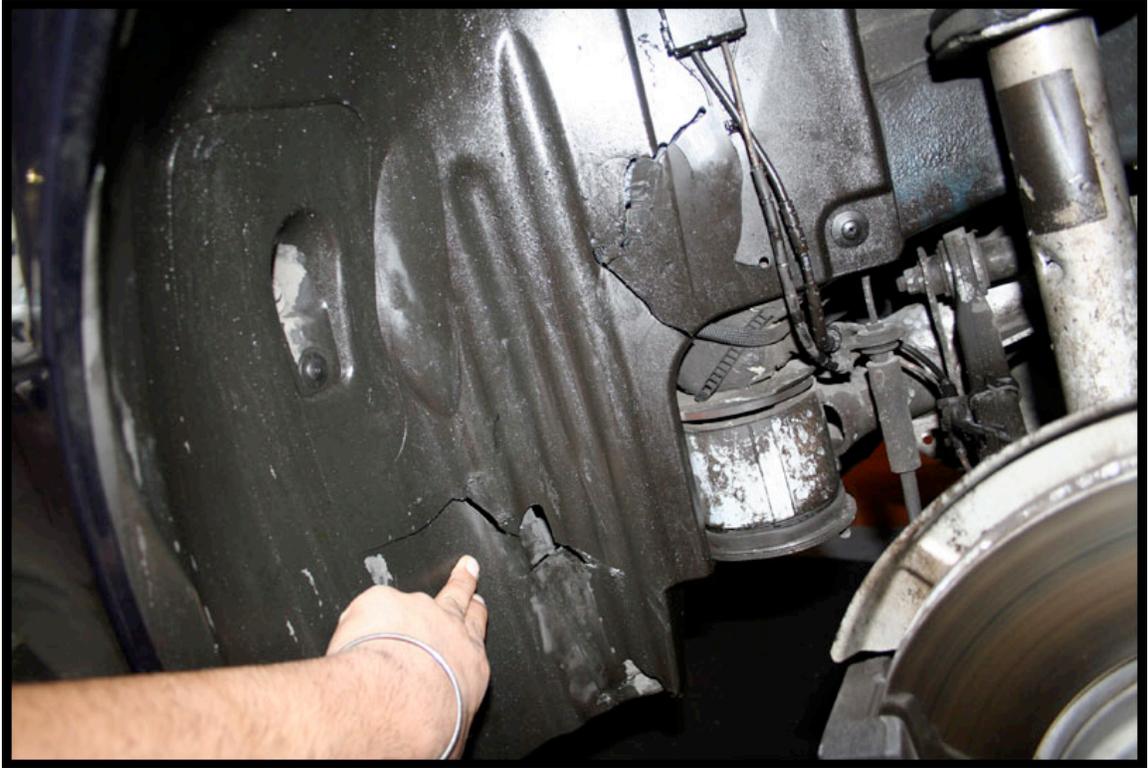
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Right rear wheel failed, at approximately 75 mph at 1;00 a.m. on highway;
Wheel had been installed in place for approximately 2 weeks and 2,000 miles;
No impact experienced with wheel before failure (e.g., potholes, curbs);
Pieces of rim flew off, created a loss of control situation;
Shrapnel from wheel penetrated trunk compartment damaging battery;
Shrapnel also dented a shock absorber and cut a liquid-vapor separator in the fuel system
allowing raw fuel fumes to escape, but was not detected for another 700 miles of driving
due to location of damage;
Vehicle 2003 BMW 745









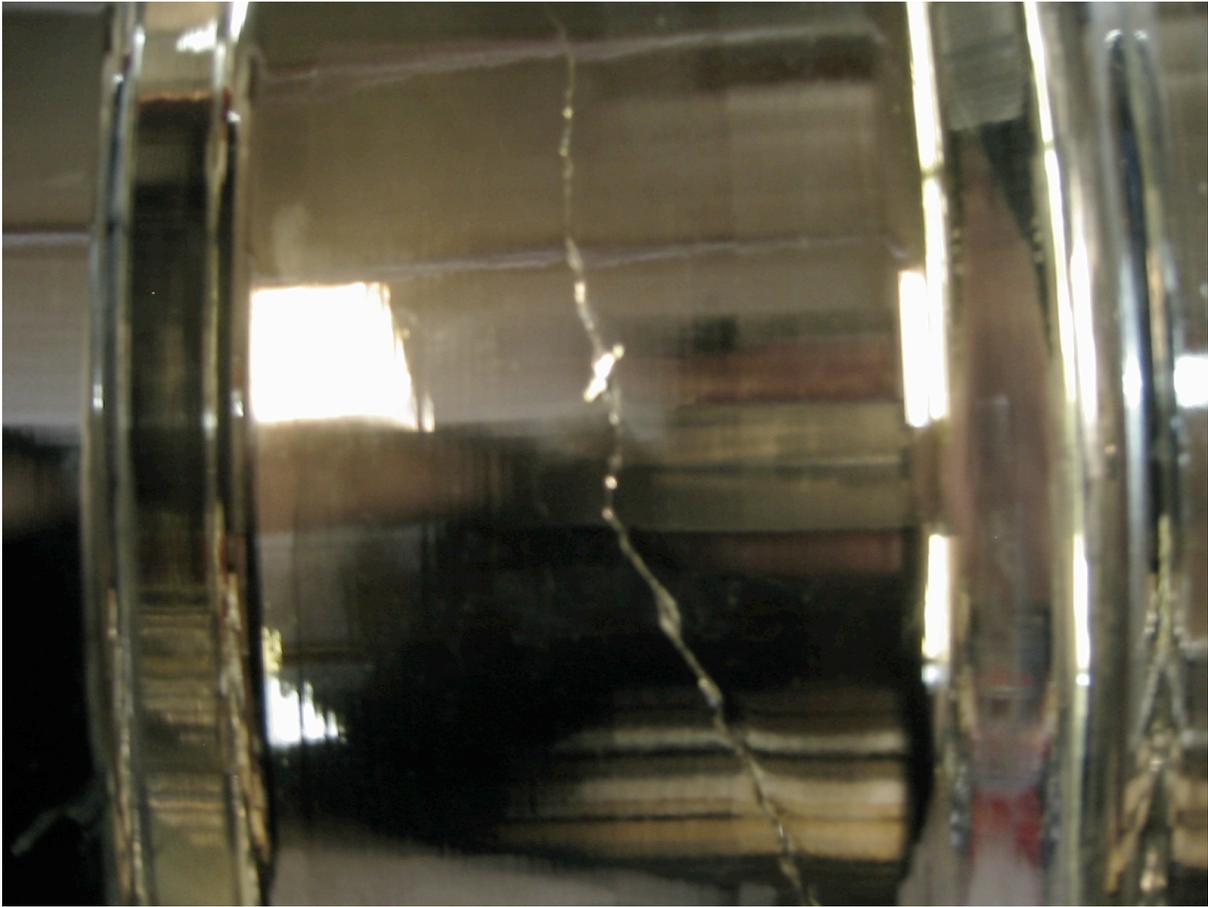


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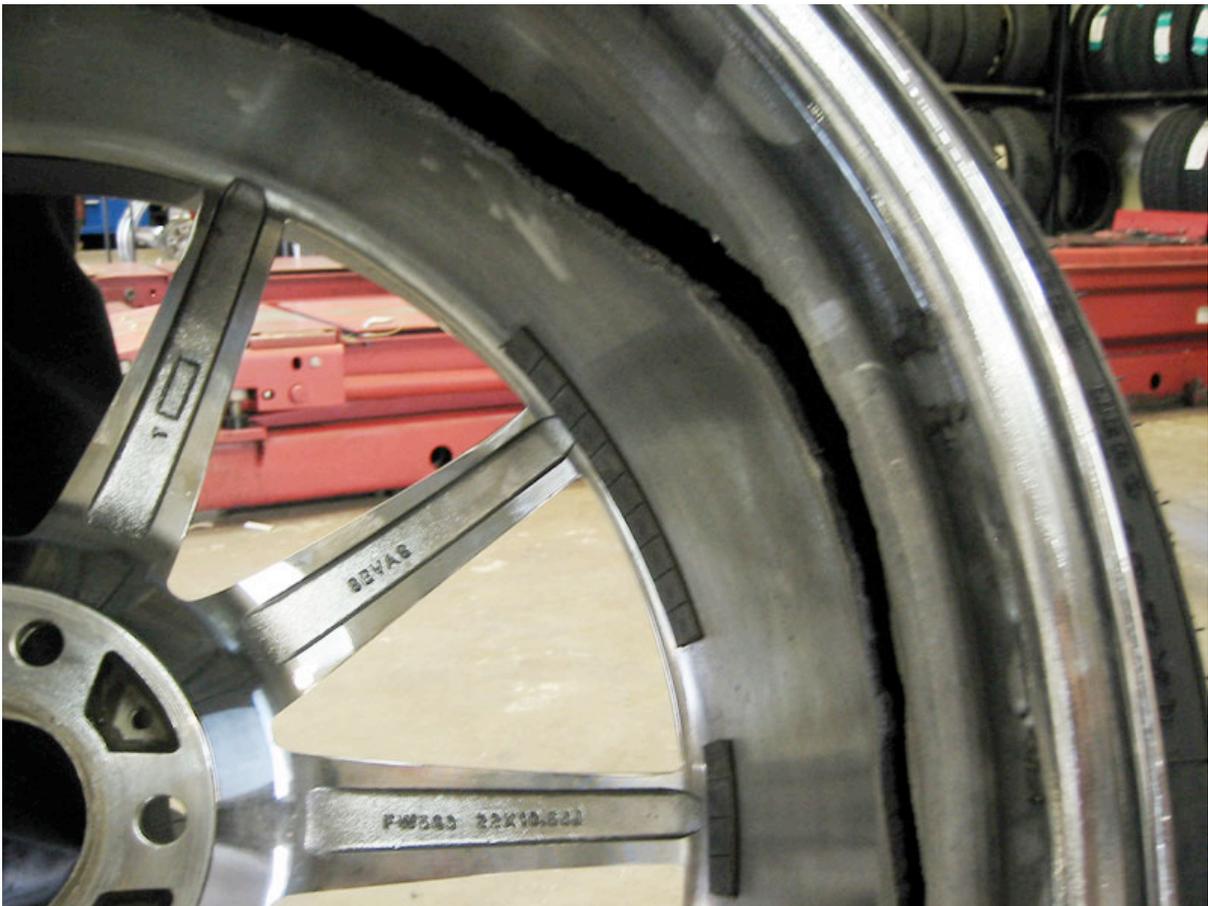
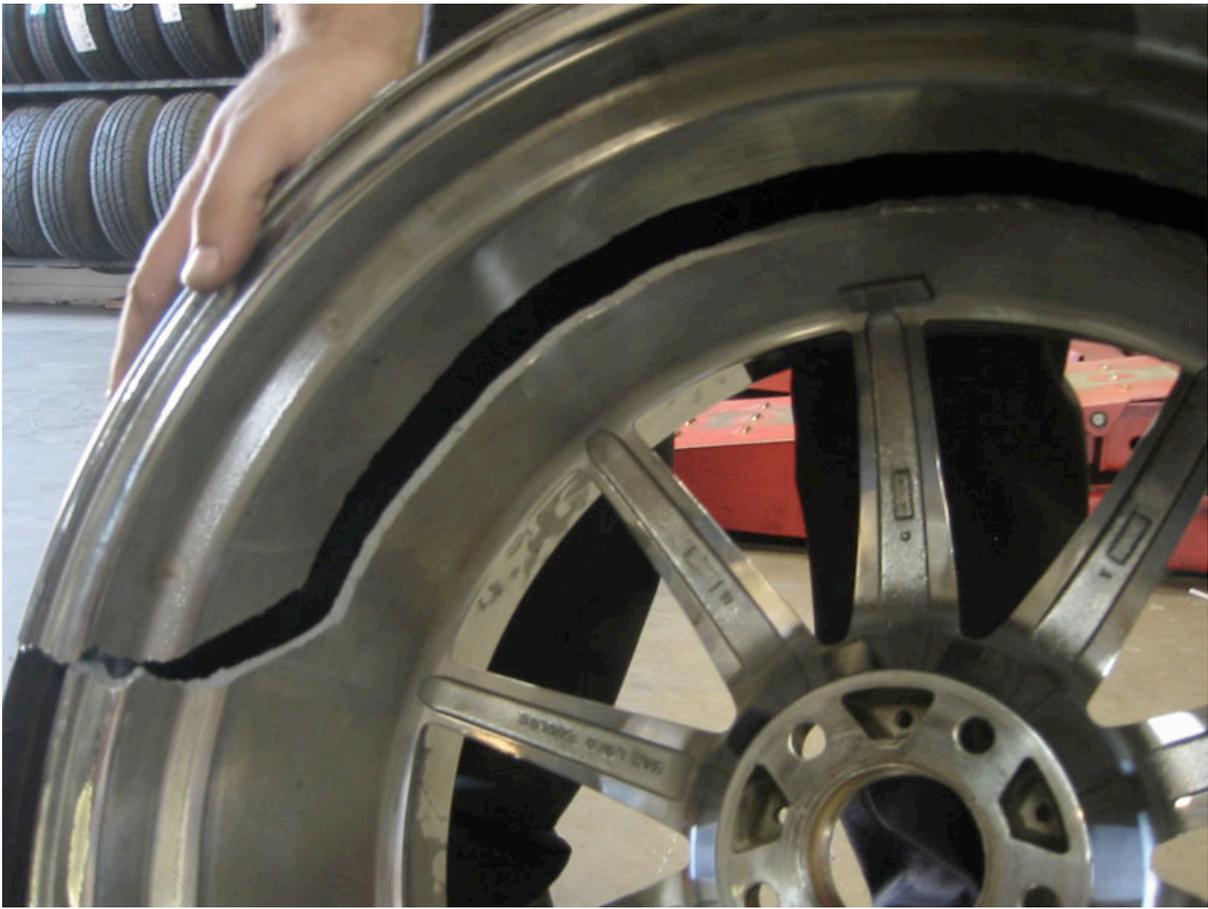
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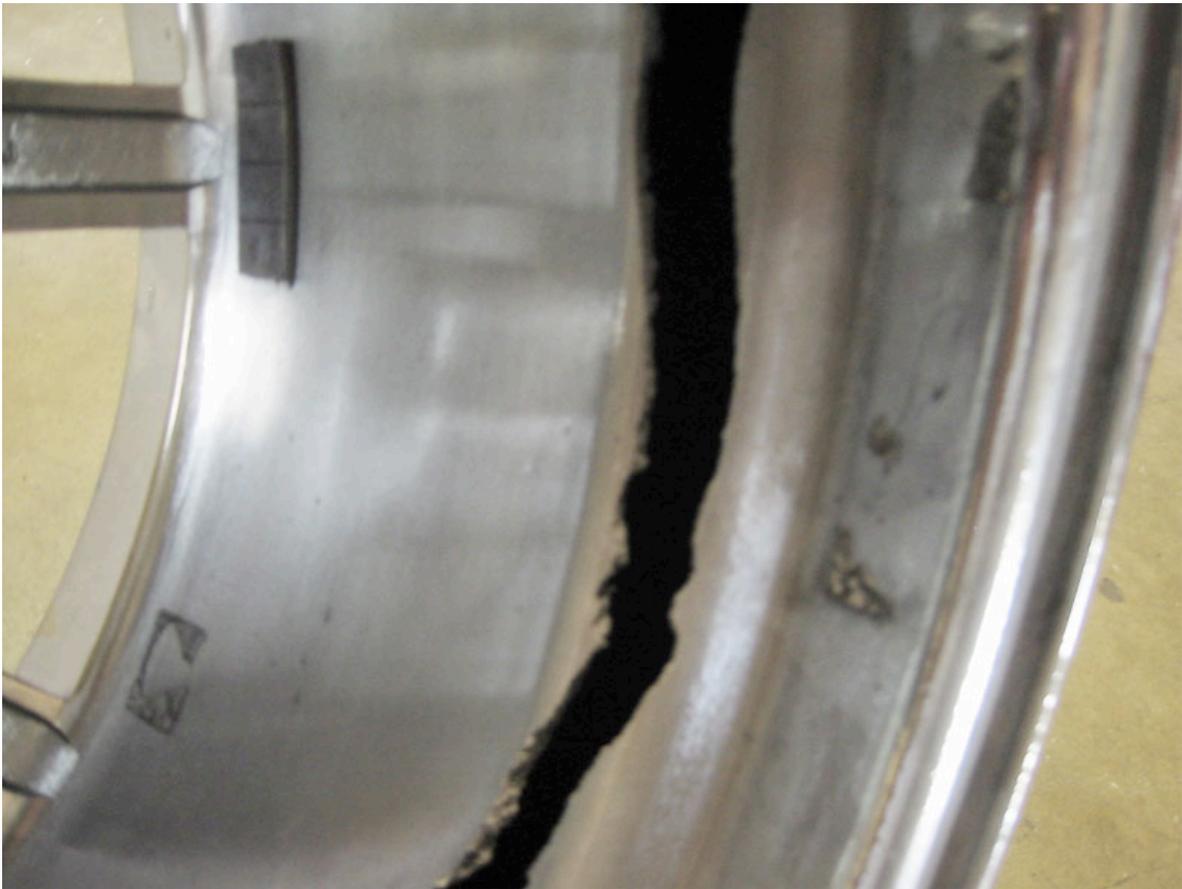
Left front and left rear cracked while driving 10 mph on city street;
No impact experienced with wheel before failure (e.g., potholes, curbs);
Prior to failure unresolved problems with vibration and balance;
Vehicle 2007 BMW 650













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