



These golf balls were ruined by running inside a truck tire for several thousand miles. They also probably did irreparable damage to the tire.

The objects you see are beat-up, dirty and misshapen. How did they get that way?

By rolling around inside a truck tire for several thousand miles.

The user had a ride disturbance and heard that a few golf balls inside his tires would correct it, by automatically positioning themselves to counteract the vibration.

We often hear of home-brew solutions like these, but we can't recommend them. Here's why: First, in this case, it didn't work very well. The ride disturbance and vibration continued.

Second, notice how dirty and black these golf balls are? What's covering their surfaces is rubber, of course – from the innerliner of the tire.

The innerliner is a specially made, multilayer component, with the important job of preventing air from getting through it and escaping. The rubber dust coating these golf balls came from their banging into the innerliner, probably damaging it.

We're not sure what caused the balls to change shape so radically. Perhaps high heat and high-speed collisions with the wheels?

Anyway, as we said, we can't recommend golf balls as a means of balancing truck tires. So far as we can tell, they don't work, and could seriously damage your tires.

