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Peter Garton, a regular contributor on RV8 matters from Germany, was contacted by a fellow RV8 owner in Köln who has moved from the UK to Germany with his RV8 which is fitted with 17" wheels from Clive Wheatley mgv8parts. Not unexpectedly he's now got a TÜV problem because they won't pass the car with non-standard wheels. Peter says "I've tried to help via a TÜV contact in Essen but he wants to know if there is anyone in Germany with 17" wheels. Clive submitted a certificate which I don't think will be sufficient since there is no official approval on it for the 17" wheels fitted to the RV8." Peter feels fellow RV8 enthusiasts intending registering a car in Germany need to be aware of this potential TÜV "danger" area. **Left:** 17inch wheel - **Right** standard wheel.

### What are TÜVs

TÜVs; short for Technischer Überwachungs-Verein (Technical Inspection Association), are German organizations that work to validate the safety of products of all kinds to protect people and the environment against hazards. As independent consultants, they examine all types of equipment including motor vehicles. No German-registered road vehicle may be used on public roads without a certificate from a TÜV.