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Field of the Disclosure

The present disclosure relates to children's ride-on vehicles, and more particularly to blow-molded wheels for children's ride-on vehicles and methods for producing the same.

Background of the Disclosure

10 Children's ride-on vehicles are reduced-scale vehicles that are designed and

sized for use by children. For example, children's ride-on vehicles include a seat adapted to accommodate one or more children as well as steering and drive assemblies

that are adapted to be operated by a child sitting on the seat. The drive assembly is adapted to drive the rotation of one or more of the vehicle's wheels and may include a

15 battery-powered motor assembly or a manually powered drive assembly, such as a pedal-powered drive assembly.

The wheels used on children's ride-on vehicles are often blow-molded from a suitable material, such as a plastic. Blow-molded wheels are conventionally formed

20 portions of the mold collectively define a cavity that defines, or corresponds to, the shape of the blow-molded wheels, including the tread surface. The seam, or part line,

between the axially-separating mold portions typically defines, or corresponds to, the central circumferential portion of the wheel. During the blow-molding process, a parison

of molten plastic is introduced into the mold cavity and a pressurized gas, such as air, is

25 used to force the molten plastic against the internal surface of the cavity in order to form

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