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A flat tyre causes an abnormal defective state in which the driver must promptly reduce the speed or stop the vehicle and take a corrective action, such as replacement of the flat tyre.

Accordingly, it is necessary to indicate the maximum run-flat distance as well as the maximum run-flat speed in the user's manual stipulated in paragraph 6.1.2 of R64. Specifically, in keeping with the Informal Document that Japan previously submitted in relation to R30, we recommend 80 km to be the appropriate maximum running distance.

We are opposed to a longer run-flat distance such as several hundred kilometers because if the tyre is capable of such an extended run-flat performance, the driver will easily overlook the necessity to inflate the flat tyre back to its proper pressure level.